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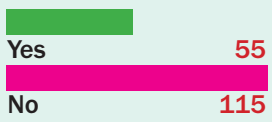
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Government shutdown averted

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed with "deep reservations and disapproved items" the fiscal year 2013 budget bill into law at 5:05pm yesterday, preventing a partial government shutdown that could have sent over 1,500 government employees temporarily jobless starting today.

» But Fitial points to budget flaws

Fitial expressed strong disappointment with the Legislature for its 11th hour passage of the \$114-million budget bill and for an "inflated budget for the legislative branch" while cutting funding to "critical service agencies such as the Department of Corrections."

The government narrowly missed yesterday's deadline to have a new budget in place before the start of another fiscal year today.

The governor's five-page approval message includes three line-item vetoes such as \$250,000 for Rota to pay retroactive salaries and other "grave concerns" about the spending measure.

But to avoid a repeat of the 2010 partial government shutdown, the governor signed the budget bill into Public Law 17-85.

Fitial, in a statement, reiterated that he

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, seated, signs the fiscal year 2013 budget bill into law at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan at 5:05pm yesterday, preventing a partial government shutdown that would have resulted in temporary joblessness for over 1,500 government employees starting today. Witnessing the \$114-million budget law signing are members of the House leadership led by Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and members of the governor's budget review team.

Buckingham's extradition sought

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Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) is asking Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and acting attorney general Viola Alepuyo to initiate proceedings for the extradition of former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, who has been



Buckingham

Dela Cruz pre-filed House Resolution 17-114 on Thursday, seeking to bring back Buckingham to the CNMI to face the criminal charges filed against him by the Office of the Public Auditor.

These charges were in connection with his hosting

of a political campaign in 2010, and
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NMC remedial program has more than 650 students

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In light of recent reports that a high number of high school graduates are failing college placement tests, the Northern Marianas College opened up its records showing several hundreds of students the last three years have been placed under its remedial education, which refers to classes taken by students who are below college-level or

» Action plan bared to reduce high number of students failing college placement test

in non-degree units. Records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* show that there are approximately 650 students under the NMC remedial education this Fall 2012 semester, a figure that would still increase as data for Math is not yet made available last Friday.

The 650 student population—which

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), left, pledges to match the amount that will be raised after a basket held by his wife Andrea, right, is passed around to help fund the transportation of 8-year-old Dora Grace Ada Camacho from Saipan to South Carolina for treatment, during Sablan's own re-election fundraising at Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio on Saturday. The crowd raised \$1,174 which Sablan equally matched, for a total of \$2,348. Dora is paralyzed from the neck down. Over 600 showed up at Sablan's \$25-per-plate fundraiser weeks ahead of the Nov. 6 elections.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

FDA warns public of risks of online pharmacies

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The Food and Drug Administration is warning U.S. consumers that the vast majority of Internet pharmacies are fraudulent and likely are selling counterfeit drugs that could harm them.

The agency on Friday launched a national campaign, called BeSafeRx, to alert the public to the danger, amid evidence that more people are shopping for their medicine online, looking for savings and convenience.

Instead, they're likely to get fake drugs that are contaminated, are past their expiration date or contain no active ingredient, the wrong amount of active ingredient or even toxic substances such as arsenic and rat poison. They could sicken or kill people, cause them to develop a resistance to their real medicine, cause new side

effects or trigger harmful interactions with other medications being taken.

"Our goal is to increase awareness," FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg told The Associated Press, "not to scare people away from online pharmacies. We want them to use appropriate pharmacies."

That means pharmacies that are located in the U.S., are licensed by the pharmacy board in the patient's state and have a licensed pharmacist available to answer questions. In addition, the pharmacy must require a valid doctor's prescription for the medicine. Online drugstores that claim none is needed, or that the site's doctor can write a prescription after the customer answers some questions, are breaking the law.

Research by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, which represents the state pharmacy boards, found that of thousands of online pharmacies it reviewed, only about 3 percent follow state and federal laws. In fact, the group's website lists only a few dozen Internet pharmacies that it has verified are legitimate and following the rules.

Most consumers don't know that. An Internet survey, conducted by the FDA in May, questioned 6,090 adults. It found that nearly one in four Internet shoppers has bought prescription drugs online, and nearly three in 10 said they weren't confident they could do so safely.

The campaign comes after some high-profile cases of counterfeit drugs reaching American patients earlier this year.

In February and again in April, the FDA warned doctors and cancer clinics around the country that it had determined they had bought fake Avastin, a pricey injectable cancer medicine, from a "gray market" wholesaler. The fake Avastin vials originated in Asia or Eastern Europe and were transferred through a network of shady wholesalers before being sold to clinics by a wholesaler claiming to be in Montana.

In another case, the FDA issued a warning in May after learning consumers shopping on the Internet had bought fake versions of generic Adderall, a popular medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

No deaths or serious injuries have been linked to those fakes, but Hamburg notes that when

drugs don't help patients get better, doctors usually blame the disease or assume a different medicine is needed. That means most fakes aren't detected.

So the FDA, which has put increasing focus on the counterfeiting problem, on Friday launched a website, www.FDA.gov/BeSafeRx, that shows consumers how to determine if an online pharmacy is safe.

"Buying prescription medicine from a fake online pharmacy can be dangerous, or even deadly," the site warns.

It includes tips on how to spot illegal pharmacies, links to state databases of licensed pharmacies and explanations of all the dangers of rogue pharmacies. Besides likely getting fake drugs, that includes the risk that they will infect your computer with viruses, sell your personal and financial information to other rogue websites and Internet scammers, or charge you for products you never ordered or received.

Many rogue pharmacies claim to be in Canada—because Americans know medicines are cheaper there and assume that's why they're getting a deal. Many fraudulent sites even put the word Canada in their name, or display the Canadian flag prominently on the site. Their web storefronts are slick and look professional. And they all offer prices that are unbelievably low.

"If the low prices seem too good to be true, they probably are," Hamburg said.

The FDA is collaborating with several other federal agencies and departments and even Interpol in the campaign, Hamburg said, and it has asked medical and pharmaceutical industry groups to join in.

It's also reaching out to doctors, pharmacists and medical facilities to spread the word. They'll get access to materials they can download, from patient fact sheets and discussion guides to sample blog items and web banners for a practice's own website. There's also a list of tips to help doctors determine if a patient may be buying medicine online.

The agency will do a follow-up survey to see if the campaign's message is reaching the public.

"What's truly important to us is that consumers know how to look for an online pharmacy that's legitimate and safe," Hamburg said.

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Parents now to be fined \$1K for allowing minors to drink alcohol

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Parents, guardians, and other adults who are caught allowing minors—or those under 21 years old—to drink alcoholic beverages now also face a fine of up to \$1,000 as part of a new law that provides much stiffer penalties to business establishments, individuals, minors, and others related to the sale and consumption of alcohol involving minors.

Public Law 17-83, signed by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Sept. 23, makes massive changes to existing statutes on alcohol sale and consumption involving minors.

The CNMI's drinking age is still 21.

"Any parent, guardian, or other person having the lawful custody, permanent or temporary, of any minor who suffers or permits or lets, either willfully or negligently, such persons under the age of 21 to violate the provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000," the new law states.

The new law also changes the format of driver's licenses and municipal IDs issued to persons under 21 years old, to add the phrase in red printing, "UNDER 21 UNTIL" the date given on the right of the picture, as added deterrent to selling alcohol to minors and underage drinking.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), author of the bill, said on Friday that this is one of the pieces of legislation that failed to pass in previous legislatures and he's relieved it finally became law.

"Although it took a while, I am relieved that it at least made it before the end of this Legislature. Underage drinking is one issue that we are facing in the community that different agencies and organizations are working together to address. It's good to know that the Legislature has done its part," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune*.

Villagomez, who is seeking re-election, introduced the bill in February 2010. It bounced back and forth between the House and Senate since then. After undergoing several revisions including a conference committee version, the bill was enacted into law.

The new law is previously Villagomez's House Bill 17-17, House Draft 2, Senate Substitute 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Committee Draft 1, House Draft 1.

"I am thankful that the governor signed this bill into law," Villagomez said, also hoping that the Senate will act on his other pieces of legislation before the end of the 17th Legislature in January 2013.

'Special license'

The new law also allows the CNMI Department of Com-

merce secretary to create a new Class 7, Special Liquor License, and to promulgate application filing and license fees.

Class 7 license holders are allowed to operate or sell alcohol from 9am to 2am on weekdays, and on weekends and holidays from 9am to 4am.

The Commerce secretary may also promulgate fees for other licenses, such as Class 1 manufacturer's license—annual sampling fee; Class 2 wholesale agent's license—annual sampling fee; Class 3 retail dealer's on-sale license—annual sampling fee; Class 4 retail dealer's off-sale license—annual sampling fee; Class 5 temporary beer license; and Class 6 club license.

Licenses must be paid in full prior to issuance, and will be good for one year.

Villagomez said the new law prohibits any person under 21 to enter establishments whose primary business is selling alcohol such as clubs, bars and discos.

"They will only be allowed into such establishments for the purpose of special youth programs or events. The licensee must inform ABTC [Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division] about five days in advance of such event for approval prior to the actual time and date of the event. Only non-alcoholic beverages will be sold or served. All alcoholic beverages must be stored and secured away from the premises prior to the commencement of the program or event," the lawmaker said.

Under the new law, a license holder, his/her agent, or employee shall not permit any person under the age of 21 to mix or serve any alcoholic beverages at any on-sale establishment.

Application filing fees collected by the Department of Commerce's ABTC Division is allocated to the division for administration, training, enforcement, training, and prevention programs.

The new law also strengthens language regarding the presentation and verification of document of identification or ID.

Anyone guilty of violating the provision on ID presentation and verification is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$1,000, and/or be imprisoned for not more than a year, or both, and shall be required to perform community service of not less than 80 hours, but not more than 250 hours, which cannot be converted to a fine or suspended.

Penalties

License holders guilty of violating any provisions in the new law will be punished by:

■ First offense: \$1,000 fine and a four-hour mandatory attendance of ABTC laws and regulations refresher orientation.

■ Second offense: \$3,000 fine and final notice of revocation of license.

■ Third offense: \$5,000 fine and revocation of license.

Criminal violations

Any person who violates, causes or permits a violation of fails or refuses to comply with any provision of this law, order or any ABTC regulation, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by the following:

■ First offense: \$1,000 fine, or imprisonment of not more than a year or both, and community service of not less than 80 hours, but not more than 250 hours which cannot be converted to a fine or be suspended.

■ Second offense: \$3,000 fine, or imprisonment of not more than

three years or both, and community service of not less than 80 hours, but not more than 250 hours which cannot be converted to a fine or be suspended.

■ Third offense: \$5,000 fine, or imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and community service of not less than 80 hours, but not more than 250 hours which cannot be converted to a fine or be suspended.

Minors

Any minor or any person under 21 buying alcoholic beverages shall be punished by a fine of not more than a \$1,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, and shall perform community service of not less than 80 hours, but not more than 250 hours which cannot be converted

to a fine or be suspended.

A youth risk behavior survey that the Public School System conducted in 2007 showed that 70 percent of high school students and 53 percent of middle school students in the CNMI have had at least one drink of alcohol.

Villagomez said in his bill that while there are existing statutes in the CNMI preventing minors from consuming alcohol, the penalties are not enough to discourage minors from consuming alcohol and persons or

establishments from providing or selling alcoholic to minors.

He said penalties for tobacco use by minors and illegal sale of tobacco products to minors are far more stringent than that is alcohol penalty provisions.

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covers all students from both public and private high schools—are for developmental reading, writing, and listening and speaking courses.

In Fall 2010, the college recorded a significant volume of students in the same remedial classes with a total of 696. It just slightly dropped in the succeeding semesters with 641 students for Spring 2011; 636 students for Fall 2011; and down to 524 students in Spring 2012 semester. NMC, in a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, indicated that these numbers are impacted by overall enrollment for a particular semester.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., earlier disclosed that many high school graduates—mostly from public schools—have failed the college placement test which resulted in having them enrolled at remedial program. She described as “high” and “alarming” the percentage of students who fail placement tests every year.

To determine if students are eligible to enroll in college level courses, NMC conducts entrance examination called placement test, which measures the taker’s knowledge in areas like English, math, and language arts. Result of this test dictates if a student can take the college English credit, for example.

Based on NMC data, the following are the percentage of students taking the test place into developmental courses: Fall 2010—76 percent; for Spring 2011—88 percent; for Fall 2011—84 percent; for Spring 2012—84.5 percent; for Fall 2012—82 percent.

According to Barbara Merfalen,

NMC dean of academic programs and services, the concern on remedial education is not unique to the CNMI.

“It is important to note that the issue of students having to take remedial courses is not exclusive to NMC. Many students across the U.S. enter postsecondary education not fully prepared for college-level work, requiring them to take at least one remedial course,” Merfalen told *Saipan Tribune*, stressing that the national average for community college students placing into developmental English classes is 72 percent.

According to the dean, students cannot fail the placement test because students are placed in either developmental courses or College English, but she admitted that this is “depending upon the scores on the test.”

Saipan Tribune learned that the English test that is used at NMC is called “Accuplacer.” It is computer-based (www.accuplacer.com), and designed to test listening, reading, and grammar skills. There is also an essay-writing component to the test which is read and scored by three instructors in the Languages and Humanities department.

Action plan to help students pass placement test

Merfalen indicated that the NMC is launching, beginning this upcoming semester, several programs that will help students with their performance on the placement tests, including a “Math Boot Camp” class that gives students an opportunity to practice math problems, formulas, and equations prior to taking the placement test.

She said since 2010 the college has implemented the LinC Program at

NMC that over time has included an English and Math remedial course, thus providing an opportunity for students to be supportive of each other, and to be tutored by trained ambassadors in the classroom.

NMC has also made it a requirement since last academic year to include as a core course, the BE111 College Success course, that is designed to assist students in making a successful transition to college and adult life beyond college as a result of becoming knowledgeable through exposure to four key instructional areas associated with academic and adult life success, namely; individual student success life plan, the process of navigating the college experience, classroom behavior strategies for students, and realization and maintaining personal well-being as a person going to college. Included also, is the ongoing collection and use of internal, state, national, and regional data when evaluating the remedial courses at NMC.

Merfalen added that the Languages and Humanities Department created a schedule for summer 2012 that was geared toward high school students who had just finished their high school courses in June; placement tests and eight-week accelerated courses in developmental English and College English were offered beginning in mid-June so high school students could attend these summer course and be better prepared to begin college courses in the fall.

Remedial education refers to classes taken by students that are below college-level or non-degree units. Students pay tuition and can use financial aid for remedial courses, but they do not receive college credit. With the constant increase in the number of students in

remedial courses, it was revealed that this did not depict the purpose of the NMC which is to have all its student get a college degree. Additionally, because many students have been taking the remedial courses for long and while using the college federal aids, this may

end up exhausting the institution’s federal monies that it could actually utilize in other areas for actual college students. It was earlier pointed out that the remedial students are not receiving subsidy from the local budget received by the college.

Submission calls on parliament to elect Fiji’s president

SUVA, Fiji (Fiji Times/PIR)—The President of Fiji should be appointed by Parliament which is a representation of the people of this nation through its elected members, according to one group’s submission to the Constitutional Commission

The National Advisory Council to the People’s Charter for Change, Peace and Progress (NACPCCPP) made the proposal to the Commission on Friday.

The council also proposed that the term of appointment for the President should only be for five years and only one term of re-appointment.

The submission was made by the executives of the NACPCCPP that included chairman Josefa Seruilagilagi, deputy chairperson Lorraine Tevi, Jone Dakuvula and Dewan Maharaj.

Mr. Seruilagilagi also said the Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition should nominate two names

each to be put to the floor of the House of Representatives and the members of the House of Representatives should vote as individuals through secret ballots.

The submission also called for persons holding the position of President to have Fiji citizenship and a distinguished career in the public service.

The NACPCCPP also recommended that the House of Representatives be reduced by 25% from 71 to 54 seats as Fiji was a small country and financial costs have to be considered.

Additionally, the NACPCCPP executives called for new members to the House of Representatives to hold Fiji citizenship.

They also said those with dual citizenship should be required to renounce all other citizenship prior to being sworn in as a member of the House of Representatives.

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obstruction of justice in August 2012 when he allegedly asked the use of police and ports police officers to help shield him from being served a penal summons for criminal charges, among

other things.

On Sept. 11, 2012, judge David Wiseman issued an order declaring Buckingham a fugitive from justice.

Wiseman denied without prejudice Buckingham’s motion to quash the \$50,000 bench warrant he issued when Buckingham failed to attend the hearing last Aug. 6.

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submitted his budget proposal ahead of the April 1st deadline “in the hopes that the Legislature would have passed the bill with ample time before the deadline.”

He said doing so “would have allowed the administration to not just conduct a review of the appropriations, but also make further recommendations to further refine the bill.”

“It is unfair for the Executive Branch to be given a bill on the eve of a looming government shutdown that would’ve negatively impacted the lives of over 1,500 government employees and their families. It is for the sake of the people that my key officials, the Lt. Governor and I spent considerable time in a 48-hour window to review the bill and come up with the final decision to enact a budget and prevent a shutdown,” Fitial said.

The governor signed the budget bill in the presence of some members of the House leadership, his Cabinet and staff, at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

‘Relieved’

Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan), one of those who witnessed the governor’s signing of the budget law yesterday, said the prevention of a shutdown is welcome relief not only to government employees but also to the general public that won’t have access to most public services.

“I am thankful and relieved, although I am sad that we only have \$114 million to operate the government and provide services to the public. We tried to accommodate everyone but the funds are limited,” he said.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), one of the members of a joint committee from the Senate and House that came up with a “compromise” version of the budget bill, commended the governor “for taking swift action to approve the bill, ensuring continuity of government operation.”

Palacios said he is banking on a supplemental budget once the government realizes gains from additional Asiana Airlines flights from Japan and charter flights from Century Tours from China.

“Once we have this supplemental budget, then we would have more funding especially for critical agencies such as the hospital and education,” he added.

Disapproved provisions

The governor cited at least 11 major concerns about the budget measure. Three of those provisions were disapproved.

Fitial disapproved the \$250,000 retroactive salary payments for affected Rota employees.

He said Saipan and Tinian were able to satisfy this obligation through the use of their respective local funds.

The governor also disapproved the \$362,298 in poker revenues to pay for cost of living allowance which the governor said was the Legislature’s “response to the Retirement Fund dilemma.” He said this allotment will create an unnecessary unfunded liability for the Fund “yet again” and the funds could be used elsewhere.

Fitial also disapproved the \$500,000 allotment of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, “as continuous renewals of Commonwealth-only workers are not guaranteed, thereby making the funding availability uncertain.”

‘Callous, bloated’

The governor noted the Legislature’s decision to increase the Legislative Bureau’s funding by \$401,704 with four new positions. This represents a 37.8-percent increase from his submission.

Fitial said the Legislature increased its budget yet proportionately reduced most agencies’ budget by 1.79 percent, crippling critical services agencies such as the Department of Corrections, which was cut by 24.18 percent, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs by 10.29 percent.

“Frankly, I find it quite disturbing that a bloated Legislature deems it absolutely necessary to increase the budget of their support staff, yet does not appreciate DCCA’s role to provide critical services to our elders, our youth and to the needy,” the governor said in his transmittal message to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Fitial also said the Legislature reduced the Department of Commerce’s budget by 9.78 percent, “maybe without realizing, or perhaps not caring, that the Department of Commerce is responsible for rejuvenating our economy.”

“Therefore, while it was the intent of the Administration to restore the 80-hour workweek for government employees, further affirmed by the Legislature’s exclusion of previous austerity provisions, the abovementioned callous reductions imposed by the Legislature may trigger an adjustment to government work hours at some point in Fiscal Year 2013,” he added.

Other concerns

The budget bill that the Legislature gave to Fitial mandated the Public School System to buy doors for a spe-

cific school and Fitial said this arguably favors one school over all others in the CNMI knowing very well that each school also has needs.

“The Legislature should not be involved in the management of the schools by dictating how these funds should be allocated, he said.

Fitial expressed disappointment that the Legislature cut by \$1 million—from his proposal of \$11 million to \$10 million—the funding for the Fund’s defined benefit plan contributions “in order to pad the budget of the Legislative branch.”

Lawmakers received their electronic copies of the budget law in about an hour from signing.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), chair of the budget conference committee, introduced the budget bill that was signed yesterday.

‘Politics’

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said yesterday he’s happy that a government shutdown has been prevented, as he also called on the governor to do more on issues facing the CNMI rather than focusing more on “politics.”

“But I wish Governor Fitial will focus on hospital emergency, PSS [Public School System], retirement issues, and economy, and running our government instead of politics only,” Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), one of the budget conferees, said the conferees from the Senate and House did their best to prioritize funding for critical agencies albeit not at the amount they earlier hoped for, including PSS, Northern Marianas College, Medicaid, medical referral, and the Common-

wealth Healthcare Corp.

PSS gets over \$30 million, which includes “outside sources” such as Compact-Impact funds and so-called Commonwealth-only worker fees.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.’s direct government subsidy is \$1.95 million, down from the original conference proposal of \$5 million. But Basa said total appropriation for CHC is almost \$8 million. He said CHC is expected to get its \$7 million loan from the Marianas Public Land Trust.

NMC will get some \$5.3 million including outside sources such as Compact-Impact and CW fees. Medicaid will get some \$8 million, while Medical Referral will get some \$3.5 million.

The Judiciary will get \$3.739 million, the Legislature will get \$5.236 million, and the Executive Branch, \$30.654 million.

Rota and Tinian will each get \$4.62 million. The Saipan Mayor’s Office, meanwhile, will get \$1.165 million; the Northern Islands Mayor’s Office, \$334,159; and Saipan Municipal Council, \$116,672. The Marianas Visitors Authority will get a little over \$2 million.

The governor thanked his 2013 budget review team. The team consisted of the governor, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Special Assistant for Management and Budget Virginia Villagomez, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Acting Attorney General Viola Alepuyo, Legal Counsel Teresa Kim, and Press Secretary Angel Demapan.

Fitial also thanked his executive assistant Lucy C. Castro, special assistant for Programs and Legislative Review Victoria Guerrero, and SAPLR assistant Nace Soalabai for their assistance in processing and transmitting the new appropriations law.

Hundreds attend ribbon-cutting ceremony of Kiosku project

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REPORTER

The newly built Saipan & Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosku is a "historic" project that honors island leaders whose "hopeful vision" and "invaluable contributions" have contributed to the political and socio-economic development of the islands, according to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Fitial led hundreds of local dignitaries and community members on Saturday in the ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the formal unveiling of the memorial kiosku or roundhouse spearheaded by the 11th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council and its steering committee.

In his remarks, the governor said the memorial roundhouse attests to the strength and courage of 355 men and women officials who, through their service and sacrifice, "gave voice to our deepest dreams" and "built bridges" within the islands.

"It is truly fitting that we honor our forefathers for without their labor and vision for the future, we might not have had the courage to come as far as we have today," Fitial told the officials and their family members. "Because of their hopeful vision, new doors of opportunity swung open for an entire government."

Fitial described as "fitting" that the historic monument is built at the heart of Chalan Kanoa, Saipan's former capital where the old roundhouse used as a meeting place for the development of the Northern Marianas government was previously built. The same roundhouse was restored and now stands in the courtyard.

Saturday's ceremony opened with the local tradition saawi (signal horn) followed by the posting of colors and singing of national anthems by the Department of Public Safety Color Guards and the award-winning Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band. Fr. Jesse Reyes offered

the invocation while Rev. Raymond Kinsella gave the benediction.

Before the actual ribbon-cutting, press secretary Angel Demapan and executive director John Gonzales of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library called out all names in the memorial kiosku, giving them and their family members enough time to stand up and be recognized by attendees.

Major Frank Deleon Guerrero Cepeda noted the importance of the memorial courtyard.

"It substantiates the community's value for the past and hopefully that will continue on," said the former congressman, adding that veterans should be equally recognized.

Cepeda's wife, Fe, added, "Hopefully, the new generation will continue their work because we really need a strong leadership here."

Susana Deleon Guerrero said the \$551,000-project would serve as a place where people can come and reflect about the people who were instrumental in the growth and progress that the islands have seen through the years.

For Lillian Camacho, it's a great honor to have his father, 82-year-old Vicente Taitingfong Camacho be among the honorees in the courtyard for his efforts as a former member of the Saipan Municipal Council and the Mariana Islands Legislature.

"We are very grateful, we are blessed, and we are very happy to be here," she said.

Lillian Camacho acknowledged the 11th Municipal Council chair Ramon Camacho for initiating the project, adding that their family is willing to take on the challenge to help maintain the courtyard. "We would like to see this place preserved and respected."

Ramon Camacho, for his part, recognized all the government agencies and private businesses that have helped make the project a success. He is also pleased to have the cooperation and support of the leaders and their families in policing the area.

"They will make it happen because this is the islanders' property so we got to protect

it. Everybody should chip in and be concerned, be vigilant to protect this area. This is a trea-

sure," he added.

DPS also conducted the 21-gun salute while Dr. Edgar Tu-

dor played the Taps in honor of the leaders featured in the kiosku.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, center, leads past and present island leaders in the ribbon-cutting ceremony that formally unveiled the Saipan & Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosku in Chalan Kanoa on Sept. 29. A total of 355 individuals were recognized in the roundhouse touted as a "historic" project recognizing those who have made invaluable contributions in the political and socio-economic development of the islands.

Monsoon disturbance formed, possibly moving north of Saipan

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A monsoon disturbance was formed yesterday east of the Mariana Islands and may possibly move toward north of Saipan.

According to U.S. National Weather Service in Guam's report as of 12:51pm, the monsoon disturbance was centered near 14.6 degrees north latitude and 150.8 degrees east longitude.

NWS said the Joint Typhoon Warning Center has issued a tropical cyclone formation alert.


NWS said showery weather

and locally gusty winds are expected across the Marianas starting Sunday night and lasting through at least Tuesday.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial advised the public that when driving be alert for flooding near roadways and near zero visibility in torrential rain.

Fitial said boaters can expect reduced visibility to less than one mile and dangerous lightning with the strongest showers.

The Emergency Management Office said residents of the Mariana Islands should remain alert and listen for later statements and forecasts from NWS and from local officials.




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Position: Senior Vice President/General Manager (1)

Qualification: must have 10 years experience managing full service 36 hole golf course, experience in developing and marketing and coordinating marketing strategies, knowledge of business management practices of golf course operation and hotel operation, assignment and projects for the golf course, maintain and grow membership and customer by promptly handling member and guest concerns and issues, ensure open communication and high visibility to members and guest by conducting daily walk through of the club, generate revenue by acting as sales manager for the entire golf club and resort, expand sales by initiating and monitoring effectiveness of monthly promotions, demand managements and demand creation strategies.

Position: Cook Korean Cuisine (1)

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years in the preparation of Korean food, will be involved in Korean menu development, inventory, ordering/purchasing, food cost control, training, personnel management such as coaching, complies to all applicable Sanitation Codes, ensure efficient, safe and sanitary food production, preparation, presentation and knowledgeable of Korean food trends with focus on quality, experience in large catering or banquet functions, excellent communication skills in Korean and basic English to understand and follow recipe, able to communicate on all levels, including management, departmental and customer.

Position: Chef de Partie (1)

Qualifications: 7 Years of cooking experience and training, responsible for the creation of high quality dishes, able to work independently, cooks consistently and enthusiastically on a high level, helps create and cook to perfection seasonal and including a five course modern gourmet menu, small selection of signature a la carte dishes, cooks and prepares for each meal service, controls incoming goods and stores food, vegetables, fruits, staple in a perfect conditions, guest orientated and able to converse with the clients, actively attends wine and general trainings, team building events and supplier visits to learn about local product, has fun cooking, is a sociable person, likes to work as a teamwork, and respects and actively works with colleagues.

Position: Cook (7)

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years of experience and training, prepares or directs preparation of foods according to prescribed menus and recipes, takes inventory of supplies on hand and orders food supplies, ingredients and other consumables on a schedules basis as determined by menu and estimated number of customers, cleans and sanitizes all food preparation equipment and ensures that it is kept in safe and operable condition, knowledge of methods, materials, and practices of volume food preparation, sanitary methods used in food preparation.

Position: Assistant Manager, Food & Beverage Department (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of working experience and training, Must have supervisory experienced and training preferably in hotel and resort facilities, have experienced for all food and beverage services including banquet catering, bar/grill, dining restaurant, and outside beverage carts, must have cost control of all food and beverage outlets by helping in overseeing the purchasing of food, maintains effective inventory and shortage controls, work with the Executive Chef to develop an annual food and beverage plan and budget, ensure successful operation of special events, banquets, rentals, coordinates the delivery for all food and beverage service to the customer at the highest guest standard, supervise staff and operational during shift, ensure all of the services provided are immediate need of the customer, maintain and develop a dedicated team providing the highest quality of service and addresses all staffing issues in a fair and timely manner.

Position: Kitchen Helper (1)

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of working experience, must be familiar with the dynamics of a professional kitchen is a plus, willingness to learn, time and space management skills, physical stamina, a friendly temperament, a desire to help out where needed and the ability to foster the creation and maintenance of a cohesive team, assist cooks, keep kitchen clean, perform a variety of food preparation task, assist with food and beverage service, receive and store supplies, sweeps and mops floors, segregates and removes trash and garbage and places, hoses out garbage container, washes pots, pans, trays by hand, scrapes food from dirty dishes and washes them by hand or place them in racks.

Position: Assistant Manager, Front Office (1)

Qualifications: Must have 2 years of experienced and training in the field of hotel and golf resort operation, must be organized, neat and professional appearance, pleasant, tactful and patient, able to communicate well with a wide variety of people, committed to providing good service, enjoyed dealing with people, ability to direct and control the activities of the Front Office, Reservations, deal with customer complaints, knowledge of a second language is a plus (write, read, and speak)computer literate with knowledge of a variety of computer software applications, and superior written and oral communications skills, ability to respond properly and take a supervisory role in any hotel emergency or safety situation.

Position: Korea Sales & Marketing (1)

Qualification: 3 years of experienced and training, must have worked in a hotel or tourism industry, communicate directly with guests, both in person and by telephone, provides information on facilities to Korean speaking guest at the golf & resort, provide information and services in Korean, must be able to offer the Korean guest in any number of special circumstances, good communication skills in Korean language is vitally important, provides all the information that the guest needs to enjoy their stay, good problem solving skills, good organizational skills, must be trained and experienced in tourism or hospitality managements, excellent customer service skills.

Position: Supervisor, Japan Sales & Marketing (2)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experienced and training in marketing strategy for the Japanese market, must be fluent in the Japanese language as well as to read and write, experienced contacting and selling to Corporate level executives, experienced in Sales and Marketing most especially in the Japan markets, built and managed a network of marketing and selling Hotel and Golf product and services, possess innovative business promotional and advertising activities, strong negotiating skills, knowledgeable of the Japanese customers needs, have strong demonstrations skills, must work with management team to create sales and marketing plans that includes to identify and target Japan Markets, identify potential Japanese clients.

Position: Supervisor Pro Shop (1)

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of supervisory experienced and training, able to lead, direct and motivate the sales team in order to achieve sales objectives, identifies appropriate business targets, provides a professional and excellent level of customer service with existing and new customers, supervises scheduled shift, completes all assigned duties, supervises sale associates, ensure that all employees adhere to company policies and procedures, knowledge of principles, techniques, and objectives of marketing, manages a sales program, knowledge of hotel management and philosophy.

Position: Sales Representative, Pro shop (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of training and experienced in the field of golf operation, must maintain outstanding customer service, generating sales, merchandising, must be fully competent in selling, knowledgeable of cashiering and receipt processing, knows how to operate a computerized point of sale cash receipts, inventory management system, ensure that each customer receives, ability to work varied hours/days, including nights, weekends and holidays as needed, must recognize security risks and thefts and know how to handle or prevent such situations.

Position: Front Desk Supervisor (1)

Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years of hospitality work, must have total understanding of all hotel front office procedures, know standard of cash handling, knowledge of computerized cash register systems, reservation system, must have experience in dealing directly with the public and acquired general knowledge of basic customer service skills, experienced and trained in the field of Front Office Operation, assist the Front Office Staff in handling customers in an efficient, gracious and professional manner and maintains a friendly, cheerful and courteous demeanor at all times.

Position: Front Desk Clerk, China/Korea Market (1)

Qualifications: Assist the front desk clerks in handling Korean and Chinese guests in an efficient, gracious and professional manger, responsible for the management, organization of the Front Office and related functions pertaining to the Korean and Chinese guests, respond and display a high degree of professionalism and integrity as well to a wide variety of people, enjoys dealing with people, computer literate with knowledge of a variety of computer software applications and superior Korean/Chinese written, and oral communication skills.

Position: Executive Housekeeping (1)

Qualifications: 7 years experience and training is required, must have worked preferably at a hotel, responsible for the smooth, efficient, cost effective operation of the Housekeeping Department, inventory control, works closely with Front Desk Assistant Manager to resolve all room discrepancies, possesses good knowledge of all matters relating to the proper administration of the Housekeeping department, provides employee safety training to prevent accidents, maintains quality standards through inspection programs, follows and ensures compliance to all hotel control procedures by staff.

Position: Housekeeping (3)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years of experience and training cleaning hotel rooms, ensure clean, orderly attractive rooms in hotels, and must have training cleaning golf facilities, prepare a list of prospective check-outs, investigates complaints regarding housekeeping service and equipment, takes corrective action, operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, responsible for disposal of trash, waste and other disposable materials, conducts inventories to ensure adequate supplies, observe precautions required to protect hotel guests' property, and report theft or found articles to supervisors.

Position: Accountant (1)

Qualifications: 5 years work experience and knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and budgetary principles, considerate knowledge of computers and their application in financial and accounting system, ability to prepare clear financial statement, establish tables of accounts and assign entries to proper accounts, use professional judgment, ability to plan, organize and meet rigid schedules and demanding timelines and seasonal workloads.

Position: Information Technology Technician (1)

Qualification: Must have 5 years of experienced and training and a college graduate in Computer science, responsible for installing, maintaining computer hardware, software, networks, have proficient knowledge in computer hardware and software systems and programs, computer networks, network administration and network installations, computer troubleshooting, team building skills, analytical and problem solving skills, decision making skills, effective verbal, presentation and listening communication skills, effective written communication skills, computer skills including the ability to operate graphics and website development programs at a highly proficient level, good time manage.

Position: Information Technology Assistant (1)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years of experience and training and must be a college graduate of computer applications and operating systems, PC hardware and trouble shooting, repair procedures, principles and practices of computer and telephone support services, computer hardware and software applications, familiar with information technology policies and procedures, computer operations processing and procedures, communicate clearly and easily with user and vendors of varying levels of technical expertise.

Position: Project Engineer/Facility Maintenance Manager (1)

Qualifications: 10 years of experienced and training, college graduate, is responsible to ensure that all LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort facilities are maintained in the highest of standards in their operation, assists in implementation and coordination of maintenance, repair, renovations of Company owned and leased facilities, monitors contractors compliance to standards for various Company buildings, conducts initial review and evaluates bids for compliance with specifications, report building maintenance needs, respond appropriately to emergencies or urgent issues as they arise, manage and supervise and coordinates the work of the staff and the work of contractors, communicate clearly and concisely, maintain adequate inventory, preventive maintenance and repairs of equipment.

Position: Supervisor, Electrician (1)

Qualifications: Have 7 years of training and experienced, and a college graduate, must have electrical trade qualifications, complies and adheres to the Occupational Safety and Health and Standards and practices, excellent communication and team building skills, must have computer systems skills, perform electrical work as required within their capabilities, maintaining a high standard of workmanship and abide by local statutes, performs skilled electrical installations, undertake modifications to plan & equipment repair electronic components of electrical equipment as required for continued operation, attend to production machinery breakdowns as required.

Position: Mechanic Engineer (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of training and experienced, must have graduate degree, is responsible for all mechanical installations maintenance programs, stress analysis, piping, process plants layout and mechanical building services, responsible in power plant engines and generations, evaluates equipment performance and operating conditions, proficient in the planning and control of work in a multi project, deadline driven environment, deep and thorough understanding of applicable regulatory requirements and industry practices, assumes accountability for the quality of mechanical engineering work.

Position: HVAC Technician (1)

Qualifications: 7 years of experience and training, must have specialized knowledge to analyze and solve complex problems, continuous concentrated mental and visual effort to plan and perform complex work, strong physical exertion, responsibility for cost control, sustained high degree of attention required to prevent damage or waste, repair replace needs necessary to maintain equipment and systems, install heating, air conditioning, refrigeration systems and related equipment for the propose of providing comfort inside facilities, maintains tools.

Position: Building Maintenance (2)

Qualifications: Must have 3 years of working experience and training, must have standard maintenance skills and the ability to apply that knowledge safely in a structured environment, skill in operating maintenance and carpentry tools and equipments, activities and decisions, requires independent actions, judgment in solving common problems, must have tolerance for exposure to unpleasant elements, be able to positively interact with fellow workers, maintains and repairs a variety of building facilities and provides service for common mechanical, electrical, and building system devices.

Position: Assistant Manager, Recreation Facility Attendant (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years of experience and training in golf industry, Must be able to communicate and supervise facility attendant employees, inspect golf equipment, structures, or materials, work with the public, assist others, monitor events, coordinates the work and activities of others, develop and build teamwork, knowledge of a second language is a plus, knowledge of the golf sport and rules is a must, , generally work a flex schedule, often deal with unpleasant, angry or discourteous customers, work in a group or as part of a team, provide directions to customers, make sure that the customers follow golf etiquette and rules.

Position: Supervisor, Recreation Facility Attendant (1)

Qualifications: Must have 5 years experienced and training and working in a golf industry, must keep things running smoothly, provide information about and the services the Company provides, keep equipment in working order, explain how to use equipment safely, provide information about rules, record details of attendance, reservations, make sure that people follow rules, communicate and supervise facility attendant employees, must be pleasant, neat in appearance, must be punctual and reliable, ability to work well with the public is very important, knowledge of the golf sport, responsible for work outcomes and results of other attendants.

Position: Supervisor, Greens Keeper (1)

Qualifications: Must have 7 years of training and experienced, must have worked preferably at a hotel and golf industry, establishes and maintain and repair programs for the golf course and the hotel, evaluates and determines the need for and scope of emergency repairs and supervises staff and contractors in performing work, establishes procedures governing employee and customer's safety, perform grounds maintenance, perform preventive maintenance to the equipment, applies insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers maintains and operate irrigation system, experienced and knowledgeable in tractor operation and mowing.

Position: Greens keeper (14)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience and training, must have working knowledge at a golf course, knowledge of methods and materials used in grounds and landscaped area knowledge of and ability to use hand and power tools and equipment, ability to operate trucks, light motorized equipment, physical strength, stamina and agility, assists in the construction of new greens, tees, and fairways, lays sod, and seeds tees, greens and fairways.

Position: Nursery Workers (3)

Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years experience and training, must have working knowledge at a golf course, performs routine maintenance on equipment, move containerized shrubs, plants, greens, using wheelbarrows, carts, shovel or tractors, maintain grounds and landscaping, haul and spread topsoil, fertilizer, peat moss and other materials to condition soil, requires to be reliable, responsible, and dependable, pleasant to work with, displays good natured and cooperative attitude.

Position: Fabricator & Assembler (1)

Qualifications: Must have 10 years of training and experience, must be able to fabricates, assembles, installs, and repairs sheet metal products and equipment on the basis of knowledge of system operation, may work with aluminum, galvanized steel, stainless steel, or other sheet metal stock, frequent to constant standing, walking throughout shift on all types of surfaces, maintains a safe work environment must be able to plan, organize, must be able to read and understand technical information, manuals, material safety data sheets, work order.

Position: Heavy Equipment Machinist (1)

Qualifications: must have 5 years of training and experience, performs skilled tasks in the mechanical repair and maintenance of heavy trucks, earth moving, and related construction equipment including road graders, knowledge of hazards and safety precautions of the trade, operation and maintenance requirements of heavy duty construction equipment, work cooperatively with other employees, work safely without presenting a direct threat to self or others, performs incidental welding operations on equipment.

Position: Golf Cart Mechanic (2)

Qualification: high school diploma, 3 years technical training or experienced in mechanical, dismantle engines, using hand tools and examine parts for defects, test and inspect engines to determine malfunctions, to locate missing and broken parts, perform routine maintenance such as cleaning and oiling parts, honing cylinders and tuning ignition system, ability to demonstrate good judgment when dealing with guests or other personnel, able to lift/carry supplies or equipment with frequent reaching, stooping, bending, and kneeling, extensive walking and standing.

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Healthcare Corporation assured of continued funding for WIC program

Families worried about cuts in the benefits they receive from the Women, Infants and Children program—or WIC—can now heave a sigh of relief after the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. was given an assurance from the granting agency that funding will remain available to eligible clients in the CNMI.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture notified the corporation on Thursday that funding for the WIC program will remain available and uncut for the CNMI in fiscal year 2013, which begins today.

USDA regional director for supplemental nutrition programs in the western region, Rich Proulx, formally relayed the message to corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta in a Sept. 27 letter.

“This confirms that the CNMI will continue to receive federal WIC food and nutrition services and administration (NSA) grants in FY 2013,” Proulx told Babauta.

The WIC program is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children up to 5 years old. It is being administered by the healthcare corporation and has hundreds of families being served.

Saipan Tribune learned that the CNMI-WIC chapter was opened in August 2007 and had since helped the CNMI not only in serving the eligible population but also by creating jobs.

According to Proulx, nothing should change or reduce in the services provided to program clients unless there would be reduction in this fiscal year’s

budget for WIC program.

“We recommend that state agencies plan on receiving funding similar to the amounts received in FY 2012, and refrain from taking actions at this time that could result in limiting access and reduced program participation. Should funding be cut or reduced, the CNMI-WIC program will be given notice in order to plan accordingly for the entire or remainder of the fiscal year,” stated Proulx.

The federal official described his letter to Babauta as “proof of funds availability and allow the CNMI to conduct its business throughout the fiscal year without interruption.”

Saipan Tribune learned that the corporation is receiving \$5.6 million in annual WIC grant.

A 36-year-old mother of a newborn from Chalan Kiya yesterday expressed relief upon hearing the good news. She described the services and benefits she receives from the program as helpful and important to keep her and her newborn healthy at all times.

“With the ongoing financial challenges that we have, this piece of news is a relief for me and my baby. I do hope that feds will continue to provide the necessary help for us, because they’re helping the future of this island,” the mother told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The mother added that under the WIC program, she had received not only healthy products for her baby but most importantly the necessary guidance, counseling, and healthcare service they need. *(Moneth G. Deposa)*

Lack of budget raises concern for CLI Rota office’s future

Executive director Lydia D. Igitol of the Center for Living Independently-CNMI expressed concerns for the future of their office on Rota, saying that lack of budget would get in the way of providing services to people with disabilities in the southern island.

Igitol noted that at present, the center’s Rota office is attached to the island’s health center and is serving about ten consumers, majority of whom are seniors and are also served by the Office on Aging.

She said the non-profit group run by and for persons with disabilities has relied on ARRA monies for funding for the last three years, in addition to grants they receive from the U.S. Department of Education to finance their programs and activities.

CLI-CNMI’s mission is to ensure the rights of people with disabilities to live independently and fully integrated in the community.

Since the group’s ARRA funding is already depleted and without allocation from the local government, Igitol said they would have to deal with finan-

cial issues which could affect their consumers on Rota.

“We don’t know what’s going to be the future for Rota,” she said.

She noted that the funding that the center regularly receives from the federal education department is also reduced each year. For fiscal year 2013 which begins today, the center was awarded some \$97,000 which they would use to provide a comprehensive range of services, including information and referral, independent living skills training, peer counseling, transportation, and individual and system advocacy. “We have to keep our expenses within our budget,” said Igitol.

Last fiscal year, the center exhausted its ARRA funding of \$35,400 and resulted to the suspension of their free-ride coupon program.

The executive director said that in the future, they will try to seek for any amount of financial assistance from the local government as well as the community to subsidize their programs. *(Clarissa V. David)*

'Foundation consultant contract still valid, fees paid by NMC'

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NMC Foundation board of directors Alan Markoff said the contract signed for consultant Steven West is "still valid" despite a recent decision that the participation of Board of Regents members to the founda-

tion board meetings were not legal since April.

BOR chair Juan T. Lizama was among the Foundation members who voted on a short-term consultancy contract with West's Strategies for Philanthropy which is assisting the organization in forming and developing a new foundation for

the college that will be specifically tasked to raise Funds for the institution.

Markoff said Lizama is just one of four members who voted to approve the contract. In discounting Lizama's vote, he said the motion will not be defeated because three voting members still constitutes a quorum. David Burger, Joanna Pai, and Markoff himself all voted yes to the motion.

Markoff, in a long-distance phone interview Friday, said the consultant's performance and output even "exceeds the expectations" of the Foundation which anticipates to receive the full completion of the services by the end October. It was earlier disclosed that the short-term contract, which amounts to

around \$8,000 is for five weeks covering the period of July to August. He said the consultancy contract was paid by the Foundation which was coursed through NMC.

The Foundation board chief assured that West's hiring has "no hidden agenda" despite him being the husband of NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D, an ex-officio member of the Foundation, based on the college website. Markoff vows that "nothing illegal" is happening and will happen at the Foundation during his watch. West, he added, was hired because of his "skills/expertise" and not for any other reason and influence.

Sources disclosed that the BOR removed the membership of its regents to the Foundation

board in adhering to the "request" made by the board itself. But Markoff was not aware of such a request, at least, during his term. He admitted Friday that he has no problem having BOR members on the board as what has been the practice for many years.

Meantime, Markoff confirmed that works for the "new" Foundation for NMC had commenced and the entity is now registered locally.

He admitted that the three current members of the existing Foundation—himself, Burger, and Pai—are all listed as officers/members of the new non-profit organization.

When asked if serving two foundations all at same time is a conflict of interest, Markoff

claimed it has "zero conflict" at all. However, he pointed out that his permanent membership on the new foundation is "possible, but not certain." He did not elaborate.

Markoff revealed that additional and new members may be named soon for the newly created Foundation board as West had already conducted interviews on some potential members from the community.

He also pointed out the help the new foundation would bring to the college. The existing Foundation board, he said, is for the organization and support of NMC, while the new board will strictly focus on fundraising for NMC. Markoff said the idea was patterned after the structure of the University of Guam.

Judge wants to hear first governor's motion to dismiss Johnson's lawsuit

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood wants to first address Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's and co-defendants' motion to dismiss the class action filed by retiree Betty Johnson before hearing other motion.

Tydingco-Gatewood on Friday vacated her previous order that set a hearing on the preliminary injunction for Tuesday, Oct. 2.

The judge will hear the motion to dismiss on Oct. 30 at 10am.

"The parties should bear in mind that late filings will not be considered by the court," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

On Tuesday, Tydingco-Gatewood will still conduct a hearing so that the MMI Retirement Fund's trustee ad litem Joseph C. Razzano can report on the status and his findings so far.

The judge said there is a good cause to extend the Temporary

Restraining Order until the court resolves the motion to dismiss.

Tydingco-Gatewood said until the court rules on the preliminary injunction, the parties, in particular, Fitial, agreed that no action would be taken to enforce Executive Order 2012-06.

Fitial issued E.O. 2012-06 that declares a state of emergency for the Fund.

On Sept. 10, 2012, Tydingco-Gatewood issued the TRO that prohibits Fitial from enforcing the executive order.

Johnson named as defendants Fitial, Fund trustees Adelina C. Roberto and Nacrina Barcinas, former Fund administrator Richard S. Villagomez, acting Finance secretary Larissa Larson, the CNMI government, Finance, Fund, and the Fund Board of Trustees.

Johnson is suing the defendants for breach of contract, violation of the U.S. and CNMI Constitutions, violation of due process, deprivation of rights, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment.

Suspected Kagman burglar arrested

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Police arrested Thursday a man suspected of being behind a string of burglaries in Kagman.

Thomas Daniel Riner, 29, was brought to the Superior Court Friday for bail hearing on charges of theft.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$1,000 cash bail for Riner's temporary release.

Police detective Peter L. Cruz stated in his report that, on April 11, 2012, a police officer was dispatched to Kagman III to investigate a burglary and theft incident. The items stolen were a power electric drill, a Sony television, extension cord, and a refrigerator.

Cruz said that, on Sunday, Sept. 23, two detectives con-

ducted follow-up investigations on other burglary cases in Kagman III. A concerned citizen told one of detectives that Riner is responsible for these burglaries.

The citizen said that Riner burglarized a house and stole a refrigerator three months ago. Riner reportedly attempted to sell the refrigerator to a neighbor, but the latter refused to buy it. Instead, Riner allegedly sold the refrigerator to his grandfather.

Cruz said the grandfather admitted that Riner sold the refrigerator to him, but that a woman stopped by their residence and claimed that it was stolen from her house.

Cruz said that, on Monday, a detective showed a picture of the refrigerator to a couple, who identified it as the one stolen from their house.

late 20s residing in Chinatown and a woman in her 30s staying in Kannat Tabla.

Sources said the woman is the daughter of a late Public School System official.

Although police investigations are ongoing, investigators are looking into both cases as possibly suicide. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

2 persons die of hanging Saturday night

Two persons died of hanging in separate incidents at their houses on Saipan Saturday night.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information about the incidents to the media.

Saipan Tribune learned that the hanging happened about two hours apart.

The victims were a man in his

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Finance: Suwaso Corp. satisfies \$1.5M tax obligations

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The Department of Finance-Division of Revenue and Taxation has certified that Suwaso Corp., the former majority owner of Coral Ocean Point Golf Course and Hotel, has satisfied its tax obligations to the CNMI government in the total amount of \$1,511,965.34.

Revenue and Taxation collection & remittance branch manager Richard F. Santos issued last week a certificate of release of CNMI tax lien to Suwaso Corp.

In the notice filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Santos certified that Su-

waso has satisfied the requirements of the Revenue and Tax Regulations for the subject taxes and "for all statutory additions, penalties, or both."

"Therefore, the lien for these taxes and additions, has been released," Santos said in court papers.

Finance filed a tax lien on Suwaso after the company allegedly failed to pay the CNMI government taxes from 2000 to 2011.

The kinds of taxes involved are bar tax return, hotel tax return, business gross revenue tax monthly return, and employers with-

holding.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitia on Friday announced that real estate mogul E-Land Group of Korea is now majority owner of Coral Ocean Point.



Fitia

Fitia disclosed that in order for Coral Ocean Point to facilitate redevelopment and expansion, it had "reached agreement to resolve its outstanding Commonwealth tax claims with the new majority owner E-Land Group of Korea."

Last April, attorney Vincent Torres disclosed that Coral Ocean Point is shutting down its hotel and room operations

beginning May 13, 2012 to give way to its \$20-million renovation project.

At the time, Torres was the chairman of Suwaso Corp.

The following month, Torres announced that its efforts for further improvements and renovations of COP must be put on hold in light of the Department of Public Lands' notice of breach letter and the threat of terminating the corporation's permit.

COP is located on a 735,023 square meter property at Agangan Point, Saipan. Under the law, any lease and extension of lease of public land consisting of more than 5 hectares requires legislative approval.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 1, 1999

DPH can survive under continuing resolution

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez yesterday said despite the Legislature's failure to pass the budget for Fiscal Year 2000, his department will still survive by cutting down on expenses. "We will just have to live within our means and make do with what the governor has given us," said Villagomez. The health department has appealed to legislators to maintain its current budget of \$33.9 million for FY 2000. It recently received an additional funding of \$3 million for its medical referral program. With the tight budget, Villagomez said the department has been trying to maximize federal grants to offset the cost of implementing certain programs.

Group seeks funds for Pacific health care improvement

Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, newly-elected president of Pacific Islands Health Officers Association, said yesterday he will seek more funding from federal government and international organizations to help Pacific island governments in their efforts to improve the delivery of health care in their communities. Villagomez said that if the health care systems on other island nations improve, it would help prevent the migration of people from the Federated States of Micronesia to the CNMI. "It will be a problem if they come over here because they would eat up a portion of the taxpayers' money."

Oct. 1, 2001

Reorganization in judiciary looms

A major restructuring looms at the CNMI judiciary, as Supreme Court Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan created six committees that will examine its operational efficiency in the light of the economic crisis that has been aggravated by terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. It was not clear yet if the judiciary will cut down its work force. The chief justice gave the committees until December 1 to submit their respective recommendations. Demapan issued the directive, concurring with projections that economic recovery is not expected soon. The magistrate was open to the possibility of increasing revenue measures, such as increasing court fees.

Senate overrides line item veto on CIP bill

Dialysis centers may soon rise on Tinian and Rota, soon after the Senate overrode the line item veto made by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on a measure that would appropriate \$73.56 million for several Capital Improvement Projects in the CNMI. Saying they do not understand the Governor's reason for vetoing the construction of dialysis centers on Rota and Tinian, majority of senators voted to override Tenorio's line-item veto on Public Law 12-64, with only Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero voting "no." Sen. Pedro P. Reyes was absent during the session. During Thursday's regular session, Sen. Joaquin G. Adriano pointed out that the Governor's message explaining his veto on the construction of dialysis centers on Tinian and Rota "is just an excuse to get this project out of Tinian."

Oct. 1, 2002

Senate OKs changes to state funeral law

Proposed changes to the Commonwealth state funeral statute-pertaining to those who are and are not entitled to the honor-were approved by the Senate last week. If enacted into law, past or incumbent elected officials, who have been impeached, recalled or expelled or those that have been convicted in the Commonwealth of a felony or crime of moral turpitude for which there was no official pardon from the Governor, are not entitled to state funerals. Elected officials who have served on the Board of Education are also not entitled to a state funeral, according to Senate Bill 13-83, as authored by Sen. Joaquin Adriano. The only officials covered under the statute are past, retired or incumbent Commonwealth justices and judges except those removed from office by impeachment or convicted of a felony or moral turpitude, for which there was no official pardon from the Commonwealth chief executive.

Torres wants OVA placed under Governor's Office

In what is being seen as a move to maximize the full potential of the Office of Veterans Affairs, a House lawmaker has tendered a bill that would transfer it to the Office of the Governor and rename it the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. House Committee on U.S. and Foreign Affairs Chair Rep. William S. Torres said that, with the transfer and creation of the new office, it could better accommodate the needs of the military and veterans of the CNMI and the United States.



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McDonald's changes menu to include calorie count

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WHAT'S COOKING? McDonald's Saipan has joined other restaurants belonging to the world's largest hamburger chain as it introduced last month a new menu board that now contains the number of calories for all of its items.

General manager Marcia Ayuyu said setting up the new menu board coincided with the installation and use of the store's new point of sale system on Sept. 17.

"If you want to be watchful of your calorie intake, you can see it right away before you order," Ayuyu said in an interview.

The move comes at a time when the dining public are becoming more health conscious, and the information provided in McDonald's menu board has been received positively, according to Ayuyu.

"It's really something good for the community, especially if you're watching your health and your diet," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

The new menu board displays the calorie count for each of the items when ordered separately or when combined in a value meal.

Ayuyu noted that they also have a separate menu that they



CLARISSA V. DAVID

McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu talks about their new menu board which now displays the number of calories of each food item during an interview at their Middle Road branch last Thursday.

show to customers, wherein food items are grouped depending on the number of calories of food items.

Those with 200 calories or under include hash brown (150

cal), vanilla cone (170 cal), and the premium Caesar salad (190 cal without dressing).

Food items with 300 calories or under include the cheeseburger (300 cal), sausage burrito

(300 cal), premium southwest salad (290 cal), 6-piece Chicken McNuggets (280 cal), Grilled Chicken Ranch Snack Wrap (270 cal), small fries (230 cal), and apple pie (250 cal).

For diners who need to load up on calories, the 400 calories or under group can help you and this includes the McDougle (390 cal), medium fries (380 cal), Angus Snack Wrap Bacon & Cheese (390 cal), Filet-O-Fish (380 cal), and hot fudge sundae (330 cal).

Ayuyu encouraged patrons, even those looking for nutritional options, to visit McDonald's Saipan and enjoy their favorite food items or try out other healthier options in the menu.

For more information, call McDonald's Garapan Express at 233-8577, Chalan Lailau on Middle Road at 235-8577 or email mcdonalds@pticom.com.

AMP to host presentation on slings and slingstones

Robert and Gigi York, former curators at the CNMI Museum of History and Culture, will be presenting their research on slings and slingstones and introducing their newly published book on the subject at the AMP Visitor's Center Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 3, starting 6pm.

For most of us, our knowledge of slings and slingstones begins and ends with the biblical tale of David slaying Goliath. Scholars and archaeologists have told us that slings like the one David employed were common in the Old World, used not just for shepherd boys to kill giants, but for protecting herds, hunting, and combat. However, few scholars have addressed the function slings have occu-

pied outside of Eurasian civilizations, especially their use in Oceania and the Americas.

Robert and Gigi York examine the history of Oceania and the Americas to unveil the significant role slings and slingstones played in developing societies. They present new evidence that suggests that unlike David, who plucked rounded pebbles from a stream, inhabitants of the Marianas and other Pacific Islands deliberately fashioned sling missiles out of coral, stone, and clay, into uniquely deadly shapes. They also show that the use of slings in the Americas was more pervasive and inclined to variability than previously recognized.

Robert and Gigi York, fellows

of the University of Wyoming's Frison Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, share some 60 years of professional experience in the fields of archaeology, museum collections and cultural resources management.

Limited numbers of "Slings and Slingstones" are on sale at the CNMI Museum of History and Culture and the AMP Gift Shop. The Yorks will be on-hand to sign copies of their books prior to and after the presentation. The presentation, made possible in part through a grant from the NMI Humanities Council and through assistance from the CNMI Museum and the American Memorial Park, is free to the public and everyone is invited. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 21st birthday to Herbe John Stole. May the day bring on only what you want it to. Enjoy it for all its worth! From Lea and Santos and Masrai families.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday Juan I. Quitugua. May God bless you on this special day and May you have many birthdays to come. We love you. Greeting from Dexter, Juan Jr., and your wife Dora Mae.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 23rd birthday to Kaylynn "Keke Doll" Camacho Laniyo! God bless you always and may you have many more birthdays to come. Thank you for being a great bestfriend, sister, and nina. We love you Keke! Lots of love from Kay, Ando, L.J. Boy, and Lisa.

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Celebrating October as National Dental Hygiene Month: Teens and their teeth

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The teen years are some of the most enjoyable as well as stressful years. There are all the pressures of school work, social interactions, as well as peer pressure of fitting in within the peers. Most of the time, the last thing on an adolescent's mind is oral health or nutrition. However, good nutrition and oral hygiene care is important during these years. Proper diet, brushing and flossing can all play an important role in keeping a healthy smile and preserving teeth for a long time. A recent study showed that three-fourths of 13-17 year olds had gums that bled, which is a sign of gum disease.

Teenagers have specific issues not commonly shared by younger age groups. These concerns include: oral piercings, mouth guards, eating disorders and orthodontic care, not to mention tooth decay.

Many complications are associated with oral piercings, as well as tattoos and decorative grills. It is important to get information from a dental professional since many body art studios are not as sanitary as they should be or do not use surgical steel grade SS jewelry, which can lead to infections or allergic reactions. Many times it is common for the patient to develop a habit of "playing" with the piercing inside the mouth and this can cause erosion or an unusual wear of the teeth and/or gums that can have long term consequences.

Eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia or binge eating pose a big problem due to the secretiveness of the disorder. Some of the problems that can arise from these practices are erosion or breakdown of the dental enamel, dental cavities, sensitive teeth, a fungal or bacterial infection and dry mouth syndrome due to the lack of saliva.

Smoking is an addiction that can start early in the teen years. The damage to the mouth that is caused by smoking can include but is not limited to bad breath, stained teeth, loss of taste and smell, canker sores, oral cancer, and the gum recession, as well as bone loss that is associated with gum disease. Many teenagers believe that "social smoking" on a casual basis has little or no effect on their overall health. However, according to the CDC, smokers who smoked less than a half a pack a day were more than three times likely than nonsmokers to develop gum disease and the ones who smoked more than half a pack a day were six times as likely.

Probably one of the most important issues to mention is nutritional choices among teens. Sodas which are high in sugar as well as phosphoric acid can lead to the development of dental cavities. Teenagers that drink sodas through straws, rinse the mouth before and after with water can help minimize the negative effects on their teeth. It is important to avoid snacking if at all possible as well as eating nutritional meals.

It is easy to prevent oral health problems that can become serious in adulthood by starting to make the subtle changes needed to maintain a healthy smile for as long as you live. The power of brushing and flossing can never be underestimated.



Why a cargo air bridge is vital to our prosperity

Da plane! Da plane! It is finally here! For the past year we have been hearing about a new company called Arctic Circle Air. It has been created to haul cargo between the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota then on to Guam. On its return flight goods will be picked up for shipments from Guam to the various islands. Finally the company's first airplane arrived last week and is now being prepared to begin operations in a few weeks. So why is this such an important event?

Any economic growth the CNMI wishes to undertake is being strangled by the high costs and inability for exporting anything we create and importing everything we need. Unless we can correct this problem our economy will continue to shrink. We must be able to export and import easily and inexpensively. As you readily realize, exports bring money in and imports take money out. Currently we are doing too much importing and too little exporting.

We cannot grow without the means to transport products grown on our farms or caught in our ocean or manufactured here. All these products must be taken to markets. In addition more citizens are put to work growing and producing products.

After studying and testing this problem for about two years, the company has concluded that the infrequency of ship movements, requirements, and costs related to ocean freight makes ship transport costly and not a good solution.

In addition, the use of small planes able to carry several thousands pounds of various cargo frequently will allow retailers to offer many more products at a cheaper price. Also we can order from various stores in Guam personal items and have them shipped back to us easily and quickly. Also Tinian and Rota will have a much better access to markets in Guam or Saipan. It is surprising at the scarcity and infrequency of goods that Tinian and Rota suffer from.

The plan is to stimulate the farmers to grow much more fruits and vegetables than before. To facilitate and expedite this, Arctic Circle Air will sign contracts with farmers in the three islands in which the products are purchased at agreed volumes and prices even before grown. When the products are ready for delivery the farmers or other producers will deliver them to a warehouse where they will be inspected, packed, and shipped. Within a few days the farmer will receive his money. Arctic Circle Air will then sell the goods to various buyers in Guam.

In this manner the farmer doesn't have to worry about selling his goods. All he has to do is fulfill the contract and get paid. Thus he can basically estimate his monthly income. In this manner he can also concentrate on improving and increasing his production. And Arctic Circle Air will have a steady supply of freshly grown fruits and vegetables for constant delivery to Guam.

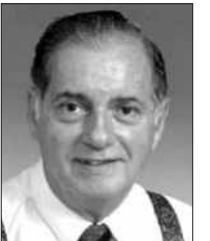
Guam, on the other hand, will enjoy freshly grown fruits and vegetables instead of having to rely on imported fruits and vegetables that are several weeks old imported from the United States. And actually the CNMI farmers are not really in competition with Guam farmers. We will be supplementing their production. CNMI farmers outnumber Guam farmers almost 2-1.

Let's stretch our imagination a bit further and consider the huge market all Micronesian islands are capable of producing. If adequate

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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means of transportation become a reality, the islands will be able to produce items peculiar to their islands and export them. Consider the extra income brought to the islands and the pride of being able to produce things and sell them abroad. Yes, Micronesia has great potentials which have been largely ignored.

As the world population grows and more rural land is converted to urban development, the need for food and related products keeps increasing. Thus we must begin to cultivate these remote islands.

Am I just a dreamer or can it become a reality? Air transportation can save most of these islands from poverty while helping to feed huge numbers of us. Already large fishing companies are developing the oceans. Now we must explore the diamonds on the islands.

One of the unique approaches that Arctic Circle Air is taking is to invite local citizens to participate through stock ownership. Too often investors come into an area and seldom or never invite the local citizens to become shareholders in the new organization. The most that the local citizens can hope for is the few dollars paid by the investor to the government, is that the government will make use of it for benefiting its citizens. However since that seldom happens the local citizens become disenchanted and grumble.

Think how we would feel if most of our hotels and other tourist attractions had allowed or invited us to become shareholders even on a small scale. We would feel involved and assist them to be more functional and profitable. Consider if we had been invited to be shareholders in the Tinian Dynasty. Our whole attitude would be different toward casino gambling.

Arctic Circle Air has requested the local citizens from all the islands to buy as many or as few shares they wish at any time. Shares are only a \$1 each. Hopefully in this manner all of us can participate in creating a more prosperous community through personal involvement and even reap a dividend from the profits earned.

Please forgive my repetitious ramblings on how we can help ourselves. But it is true who else will assist us? The government itself is struggling to stay alive. There is only one way.

Let us turn to the land that has nurtured us for centuries and is waiting to do so again. Yes, it is a dream but then dreams can turn into reality when we wake up and work the dreams. Let's resist feeling sorry for ourselves and our bankrupt community. Join in and help ourselves and our community to become prosperous again. We can do it!

Why is it that when we SMILE the other person always SMILES back? Now two people are SMILING, and the room lights up. Try it. It works. So SMILE at someone!

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Hagu I Dueñun Tanu'

I Attikulu Dose mafafama kumu "proteksion" natibu gi tanu' niha. Lau gi mismu tiempu inamot hau mediu gi dirichemu kumu dueñun tanu'. Kumeke ilegña na tano'mu yan ti tano'mu i un' popolu na tano'mu. Gi uttimu disposision debi un' famaisen petmission gobietnu gi usun tano'mu.

Mañgge i proteksion gi este na chatdisision 'nai ma-amot i dueñu mediu gi dirichoña?

Estague' i uma'atog na dañu gi papa' Attikulu Dose. Dinanche mohon este na areglu yan kau konfotme hau na ti dueñu hau enteramente ni tano'mu lau iyomu?

Dispues, ha fafama ayu na konseptu 'sino sistema 'nai para u sedi todū membron komunida man-dueñu gi tano'mu. Dinanche este na disposision?

I mismu probision umamot otu siha sudadanu yan todū man-gaige guine ligat mente direchun niha man-maprotehe parehu gi papa' i lai. Dinanche este na modun diskriminasion? Haf' na para u guaha espesiat na proteksion para i natibu?

Estague' siha na chinatsaga man-gaige gi papa' attikulu dose. Esta namatman sa' i prefektu tautau-ta ni manaigue guine gi 1950 ti man-kualifikau man-dueñun tanu'. Lau ayu siha i ginen otu patte giya Micronesia man-siña nu este na direchu pot man-estaba guine giuihe na tiempu. Diskalentau na areglu!

Imbelekeria gi fondun haga'mu

Namatman yan che'chu' doble muron i linagnos lehislatura para u ribaha papa' haga' natibu pot para u fan siña mas man-gai tanu' guine.

Kau magahet na gai atoridat mama' areglu gi haf' mattu na disposision ginen hilu'? Hamyu pagu para in' manda haye para asaguan famaguon Marianas?

Dimas mohon de in' estruppeha i asuntu, haf' mohon na ti man-konfirensia hamyu yan maseha eskrebienten Lusifet pot guinefen miyu?

Kau unu pot sientu gi halom unu haga'hu Chamorro, na ti magahet na solu ginen este na disposision fumañagu ha'f relasionhu yan este siha na islas? Pot fabot, sotta i disposision Saina sa' hombre guahu konfotmeyu'.

Bien prubechu para hamyu yangin in' faisen i eskribienen Lusifet papa ya in' fan hamyu man-gupu papa' lusinfetnus.

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Tradision Man-ñginge'

Un' sumen mauleg na patte gi kultura yan tradision tanu' i sensian respetu. Un' asuntu na debi i mañaina umapoña metgot gi famaguon niha.

Sumen bonitu gi hlaom linahyan 'an talie' famaguon man-motmut respetu gi entre siha mismu yan man-atuñgo' niha gi oriya.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



I respetu muna' guaguaha pas yan trañkilida gi komunidatta siha. Guaha areglu sa' motmut i natibu respetu gi katkuet manera.

Ti atrebisau gi ti asuntoña ya man-gagau dispensu gi asuntu siha 'nai debi u mana'e bendision. 'An masoda' i mañainan niha, man-dilug ñaihon man-manñgingi. I inechan bendision mas muna' fan felis mona gi kareran niha. Estague' un' finana'gue mauleg ta atetuye gi famaguonta. Eksisia diariu!

Respetu gi lugat niha

Hu li'e man-paire na peskadot antes man-ginen i tata 'nai pagu man-halom gi tasi. I finenina na kineni' mayotten ñaihon gi halom tasi para si guelu 'sino man-mofo'na.

Ti kontentuyu' estake hu faisen unu haf' na ha yotten ñaihon i kinine'ña. Ha oppeyu' sin ditension, "Ihu, kon respetu para si guelu puede hana'e hit suetteta gi lugatña".

Dispues de peska, hana' fatachoñg-yu' ya sige ham umestoria. Lamegai estoriaña pot mana' fan dimalas gi tasi pot man-tai respetu. "Ti lugatta 'nai man-gaige hit ya siha lokue' man-gaige gi oriya man-pepeska". Deste ayu na tiempu huna' seguguru na man-gagau-yu' dispensu kada biahe. Dispues, tat binabaña man-respeta gi ti lugat-mu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pointing out the facts

Both the *Saipan Tribune* and the *Marianas Variety* carried stories in their Friday, Sept. 28, 2012 editions relative to the TRO filed against my appointment to the Tinian Gaming Control Commission by Ray Quichocho on behalf of his clients Ray Cing and Patrick Manglona. Please allow me to use this venue to clarify what happened in the court room that day, and what is actually happening on Tinian.

Since taking office in January 2010, Mayor Dela Cruz has refused to appoint a new gaming commissioner because of the severe lack of municipal funds. As soon as Howarm Golden Islands Holdings, Ltd., paid the \$175,000 application and investigation fee to the Tinian Gaming Control Commission, it became incumbent on the mayor to appoint two new commissioners, as the Tinian Gaming Control Act requires four commissions, with quorum of three, to grant a license. Because I had served as chairman of his economic development committee, CIP development committee and military development committee, as well as his CEO for the last seven months, the mayor felt I was the best candidate for the position and appointed me.

The Tinian Municipal Council conducted a proper public hearing on my appointment to the Tinian Gaming Control Commission on Thursday, Sept. 13. No one testified against my appointment. Chairman of the Tinian Municipal Council Steven Cabrera and vice chair Joe Cruz, after listening to the testimony, voted yes. Municipal councilman Patrick Manglona stated for the record that I was qualified for the position, but abstained from voting. Thus, I was properly confirmed to the Gaming Commission.

Ray Quichocho filed Civil Action No. 12-0212 against Mayor Dela Cruz, Steven Cabrera, Joseph SN. Cruz, and myself on Sept. 17.

I was not served a copy of Civil Action No. 12-0212 until Tuesday, Sept. 25. In fact, I had walked into the mayor's office shortly before 10am that day to chair a meeting of the Tour de Tinian bicycle race to find Ray Quichocho sitting there. He then personally handed me a copy of the suit in front of the mayor's staff.

I was never served with an order to appear in court for a preliminary injunction hearing scheduled for two days later, Thursday, Sept. 27. However, I was informed by the mayor's staff that chairman of the Municipal Council Steven Cabrera had been served.

In discussion with Attorney Lucy Blanco, Mayor's Office, I learned that she was leaving for Saipan to meet with the Acting Attorney General Viola Alepuyo to request that the mayor, chairman Cabrera, Municipal Council Member Joe Cruz, and myself be given representation by her office. Of my own volition, I decided that even though I had not been served with an order to appear, it was in my

best interest to be there and have representation. I called Attorney Sean Frink, my legal counsel when I was chairman of the CNMI State Board of Education and the current president of the CNMI Bar Association. He agreed to represent me on a limited basis, until such time as the acting Attorney General rendered her decision.

At the opening of the hearing, Attorney Frink made these facts known to Judge Joseph Camacho and requested a continuance of the hearing until such time as we had obtained appropriate legal representation. This request was denied.

We were quite surprised to discover that Ray Quichocho had made prior arrangements with the court to have his clients Ray Cing and Patrick Manglona appear not with us on Saipan, but rather at the Tinian Court House by conference call.

Despite Attorney Frink's best efforts on our behalf, Judge Camacho proceeded with his ruling and granted the Temporary Restraining Order. Judge Camacho then requested that Ray Quichocho provide him with a copy of the Tinian Gaming Control Act and closed the hearing.

Unfortunately, in his written order, Judge Camacho used the double negative created by Ray Quichocho, which reads: "RESTRAINING all defendants from further appointing and confirming Gaming Commissioners in violation of the Revised Tinian Casino Initiative and in violation of the Government Ethics Code..." This language has caused some confusion and concern in the public. This does not stop Mayor Dela Cruz from conducting his lawful duties. He will not allow this action by candidates Ray Cing and Patrick Manglona to block the single largest economic development opportunity that has confronted Tinian and the CNMI for the last decade. Be assured that Mayor Dela Cruz will be appointing at least two new commissioners, very shortly. I have no doubt they will be confirmed and ready for action when the Gaming Commission is prepared for the public hearing to approve their gaming license.

Now, please allow me just a few more paragraphs to explain to

Mr. Del Rosario's unsustainable financial course

In an op-ed piece on Friday, Sept. 28, Mr. John S. Del Rosario Jr. has quite adequately explained the folly of spending more than we have at both the local and federal levels. His points are well-taken (as is the norm for this acerbic but oft correct writer), however, I have two comments regarding his report.

1. Regarding the "Welfare reform act of 1996," he states that Mr. Obama has "undone" the requirement that recipients "work for welfare." This is untrue. What Mr. Obama did do was to shift the burden (and much of the federal cost) to states. If a state emulates the federal program and its requirements, then that state MUST continue the "work for welfare" requirement. If a state cannot do so, then the feds will continue the requirement. After all, it IS the various states that have been tasked with control and administration of welfare

those people outside Tinian what is really going on, because everyone on Tinian knows exactly what is going on and why Ray Quichocho is involved.

This is an election year. Ray Cing and Patrick Manglona are running for seats on the Tinian Municipal Council on the Fitial Republican ticket against incumbents Steven Cabrera and Jose SN. Cruz.

For those of you who may have a copy of the new edition of *Tinian, a Brief History*, please go to page 108. There, you will see a photograph, which I took, of the first Tinian Gaming Control Commission. The board was appointment by then Mayor of Tinian James Mendiola. Ray Cing was a member. So was the mayor's brother Joseph Mendiola. No complaints from Ray Cing then, of course.

When Herman Manglona became Mayor of Tinian in the following election, he appointed his brother, the late Ben Manglona. No complaints from Ben's son, Patrick, at that time, of course.

When former Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas appointed his son Michael to the Gaming Commission, Ray Quichocho was on the Tinian payroll. No complaint from him then, of course.

Now Mayor Dela Cruz has appointed me, his brother-in-law. There is no difference between previous appointments of relatives, except one factor: I am not Chamorro; I am Caucasian, in the eyes of Ray Cing, Patrick Manglona, and Ray Quichocho. I have no doubt the other non-indigenous U.S. citizens on Tinian will keep this in mind when they go to the polls on Nov. 6.

I do not know what will be the outcome of the lawsuit. We must wait for a decision from the acting Attorney General. In the meantime, Mayor Dela Cruz and the majority of the Tinian Municipal Council will move forward with the important work of bringing in the new investors and helping drive the economy of Tinian and the CNMI forward.

Don Farrell

Tinian

programs within the state under federal laws and guidelines. This is a rational and tax saving device at the federal level although it does shift more burden of cost to the states. That simply means states must undertake better fiscal management—in which many have not exactly demonstrated functional expertise (insert: CNMI).

2. Regarding his last remarks "high on dope and broke": Once again, he is basically correct when he asks the question: "Is this your vision of our future—high on dope and hopelessly broke?" I can only answer that by supporting his conclusion and adding: "Oh well, at least no one will CARE about being 'hopelessly broke'!"






Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.

Winter Haven, FL

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼80
Yap	Showers	▲86 ▼80
Chuuk	Showers	▲85 ▼80
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼77
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼81

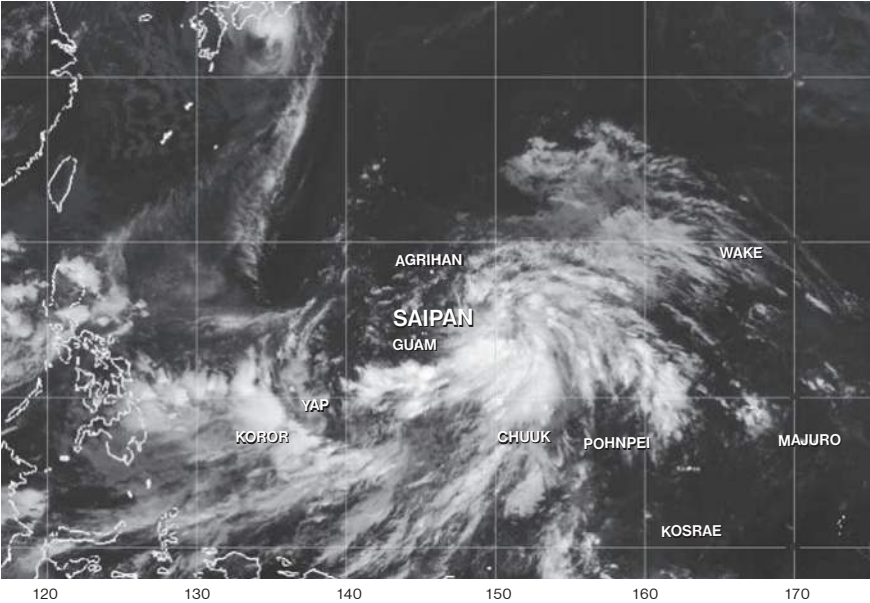
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲60 ▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲80 ▼51
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼74
London	Cloudy	▲61 ▼52
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲97 ▼69
Manila	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼55
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼65
Paris	Cloudy	▲65 ▼50
Pusan	Sunny	▲73 ▼62
Rome	Showers	▲76 ▼61
Salem	Sunny	▲84 ▼52
San Francisco	Sunny	▲84 ▼64
Seoul	Sunny	▲73 ▼55
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲78 ▼69
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲71 ▼58

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
9:24 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
3:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
8:59 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A broad circulation invest area 94W is centered east of Guam at 15N151E. This circulation is now the subject of a Tropical Cyclone formation alert by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Guam and north of Chuuk within 150 miles of a line from 13N149E to 11N152E. A monsoon trough meanders eastward from Luzon through 13N130E to 94W centered east of Guam at 15N151E then turns southeast to end south of Kosrae at EQ164E. Converging south and southwest winds south of the trough axis are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Koror, Yap and Chuuk south of a line from 12N130E to 12N146E to 7N155E. Trade winds converging east of the monsoon trough are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Pohnpei and east of the far northern CNMI within 220 miles of a line from 17N151E to 10N162E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:06 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM
Wednesday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:42 PM	6:42 AM
Tuesday	7:23 PM	7:32 AM
Wednesday	8:06 PM	8:22 AM
Thursday	8:50 PM	9:11 AM
Friday	9:37 PM	10:01 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
U2608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
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Business

Analysis: Candidates' deficit plans don't add up

WASHINGTON (AP)—Here's the rap on the presidential candidates' plans for cutting federal deficits: Mitt Romney's is too bold and the numbers don't add up, while President Barack Obama's is too timid and his numbers don't add up, either.

As the government closes the books Sunday with a \$1.1 trillion deficit for the year, which required borrowing 32 cents for every dollar it spent, budget analysts have little confidence in either man's plan to address the accumulating debt, now at about \$16 trillion.

The Republican nominee

promises to balance the budget in eight years to 10 years, but he also offers a mix of budgetary contradictions: higher Pentagon spending, restoring cuts that Democrats made in Medicare and an absolute refusal to consider tax increases.

To fulfill his promise, Romney would require cuts to other programs so deep—under one calculation requiring cutting many areas of the domestic budget by one-third within four years—that they could never get through Congress.

In other words, it wouldn't work.

Obama claims more than \$4 trillion in deficit savings over the coming decade. But if you peel away accounting tricks and debatable claims on spending cuts, it's more like \$1.1 trillion. Republicans say it's even less because of creative bookkeeping used to mask spending on Medicare reimbursements to doctors.

The accounting gets tricky, but the biggest faults with Obama's math are his claims of more than \$2 trillion in savings from earlier budget deals with Republicans and an additional \$848 billion in savings from winding down of the wars in

Afghanistan and Iraq.

"You can't find a \$4 trillion number," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a conservative who once led the Congressional Budget Office.

Obama promises relatively small cuts of \$597 billion from big federal benefit programs such as Medicare and Medicaid over the next decade while proposing tax increases of \$1.9 trillion that he couldn't push through Congress when Democrats controlled both the House and Senate.

Obama's performance on the deficit should be his Achilles heel. The deficit has exceeded

\$1 trillion each year on his watch. He gave a cold shoulder to his own special deficit commission. Whatever efforts have occurred over the past two years to curb the deficit have come under pressure by Republicans.

"The American people see the financial chaos. They know it must stop. They know their families are at risk, and that their country is in danger," Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said in a recent GOP radio address. "Yet the president does not rally the

country to action. Instead, he says our debt course is nothing to worry about."

Romney offers a set of principles and promises rather than a detailed plan. He pledges to shrink the government to 20 percent of the size of the economy, as opposed to more than 23 percent of gross domestic product now, by the end of his first term. The Romney campaign estimates that would require cuts of \$500 billion from the 2016 budget alone.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Calif dairies going broke due to feed, milk prices

HANFORD, Calif. (AP)—In nearly six decades of running a dairy in central California, Mary Cameron made a name for herself in a male-dominated industry: She led several dairy organizations and was honored as Outstanding Dairy Producer of the Year. But the 82-year-old Cameron—who still drives a tractor and supervises her Hanford dairy—is on the brink of losing her life's work. She can no longer pay the bills. Her bank has classified her loan as distressed. And she can't afford enough feed for her 900 milking cows and 1,000 heifers. "I have been in this business for 57 years and I have never been in financial trouble like I am right now," said Cameron, who runs the Atsma-Cameron Dairy with her two sons. "I'm on the verge of bankruptcy. It's horrible and inexcusable."

Leader of American pilots: Don't slow down flights

DALLAS (AP)—With American Airlines threatening legal action, the leader of the pilots' union is telling it members not to delay flights—if that's what they're doing. Acting President Keith Wilson says the Allied Pilots Association has nothing to do with what American alleges is a work slowdown, causing many flights to be delayed or canceled. If, as the company charges, pilots are dawdling by filing frivolous maintenance write-ups and flying circuitous routes, "that activity must cease immediately," Wilson said in a memo to members. He said the union had responded quickly this month when rumors surfaced of pilots calling in sick to protest lack of a labor deal with American. On Friday, the union cited "serious maintenance-related issues" that pilots have reported in the last several days, including a hydraulic leak from the main landing gear, overheating warnings and fuel seeping on to runways.

GM recalling 40,859 cars for potential fuel leaks

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors Co. is recalling more than 40,000 cars sold in warm-weather states because a plastic part might crack and cause a fuel leak.

The company is recalling Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 sedans from the 2007 through 2009 model years and Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent SUVs and Saturn Ion sedans from the 2007 model year.

The recall affects vehicles sold or currently registered in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada or Texas. Owners in Arkansas and Oklahoma also

are included in the recall of the 2009 Cobalt and G5.

The vehicles have plastic parts connected to the fuel pump which could crack. If the crack gets large enough, fuel could leak out of the vehicle and cause a fire.

GM says there have been no reports of fires or injuries related to the defect. The company began investigating the issue in 2011 after a dealer reported fuel leaking from some vehicles.

GM says its warranty data indicates that the problem is far more common in warm-

weather states. It will repair the vehicles for free in those states. Owners will be notified of the recall by mail.

But the company also plans to send letters to owners in other states offering a free repair within a limited time period if the parts are cracked. That offer is valid for 10 years or 120,000 miles from the date the vehicle was sold, spokesman Alan Adler said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced the recall on its Web site Saturday.



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Nation

High debate stakes: Romney looks to gain momentum

WASHINGTON (AP)—Barack Obama is cruising into the presidential debates with momentum on his side, yet he's still struggling to revive the passion and excitement that propelled him to the White House. Mitt Romney is grasping for his last, best chance to reboot his campaign after a disastrous September.

The fierce and determined competitors in the tight race have a specific mission for the three debates, the first of which is Wednesday night in Denver.

Obama, no longer the fresh face of 2008, must convince skeptical Americans that he can accomplish in a second term what he couldn't in his first, restoring the economy to full health.

Romney, anxious to keep the race from slipping away, needs to instill confidence that he is a credible and trusted alternative to the president, with a better plan for strengthening the economy.

"The burden in many ways is heavier on Romney," says Wayne Fields, a professor at Washington University in St.

Louis who specializes in political rhetoric. "What we see right now is an uncertainty about whether he's ready for the job."

For all the hundreds of campaign appearances, thousands of political ads and billions of dollars invested in the race, this is a singular moment in the contest. Upward of 50 million people are expected to watch each of the debates, drawing the largest political audience of the year.

Forty-one percent of Americans reported watching all of the 2008 debates, and 80 percent said they saw at least a bit, according to a Pew Research Center poll.

That intense interest tends to crowd out everything else for a time, adding to the debates' importance. With polls indicating that Obama has been gaining ground steadily in the most competitive states, the pressure is on Romney to turn in a breakthrough performance.

The Denver debate, 90 minutes devoted to domestic policy, airs live at 9 p.m. EDT, with the two men seated side by side in elevated director's chairs. Romney and Obama

debate again Oct. 16 in Hempstead, N.Y., and Oct. 22 in Boca Raton, Fla. Vice President Joe Biden and Republican Paul Ryan have their lone debate Oct. 11 in Danville, Ky.

With early or absentee voting already under way in more than half the states, any first impressions created in the debates could well be last impressions. What the candidates say is sure to matter immensely, but how they say it may count for even more.

"We remember visual impressions from debates more than we remember specific words," says Alan Schroeder, a Northeastern University professor who's written a history of presidential debates.

Whether the candidates smile or grimace, strike a confident or defensive pose, speak with a resonant or strained tone of voice, it all matters. That may be particularly true for the all-important undecided voters and those still open to changing their minds.

Staunch Democrats and Republicans may well be firm in their choices, says Patti Wood,

an Atlanta-based expert on body language, but if less partisan voters are "frightened in general about their lives, if they're insecure, they're going to pick the most charismatic person."

Both candidates have challenges to overcome on that score, according to Wood.

Obama, 51, has been sounding "very tired and very strained" lately, she says, and Romney, 65, "has a problem with appearing superior and cold."

Overall, she says, "Romney is looking a little bit younger than Obama right now," in terms of energy if not wrinkles.

Both candidates are experienced and competent debaters. But each, setting the judgment bar high for his opponent, is working overtime to puff up the skills of the other guy and

play down his own debate credentials.

Romney recently described the president as "eloquent in describing his vision" during

the 2008 debates. But the GOP nominee added that Obama "can't win by his words, because his record speaks so loudly in our ears."

Questions linger about Rep. Jackson's Hill future

CHICAGO (AP)—His home in Washington is for sale. His wife says he'll come back to work only when a doctor approves. He vowed to return to the campaign by Labor Day, and then didn't.

Election Day is five weeks away, and Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. remains out of sight.

It's an absence, both from his job in Congress and his campaign, that's starting to test patience in his Chicago hometown.

More than three months have passed since Jackson, a 47-year-old Democrat first elected in 1995, dropped out public sight. It was later revealed that he was hospitalized for severe depression and gastrointestinal problems. There have been few updates on his condition and no hard answers to questions about his future.

Jackson's name remains on the ballot, even though he's yet to make a campaign appearance since last spring's primary. His wife, Chicago Alderman Sandi Jackson, insists she won't

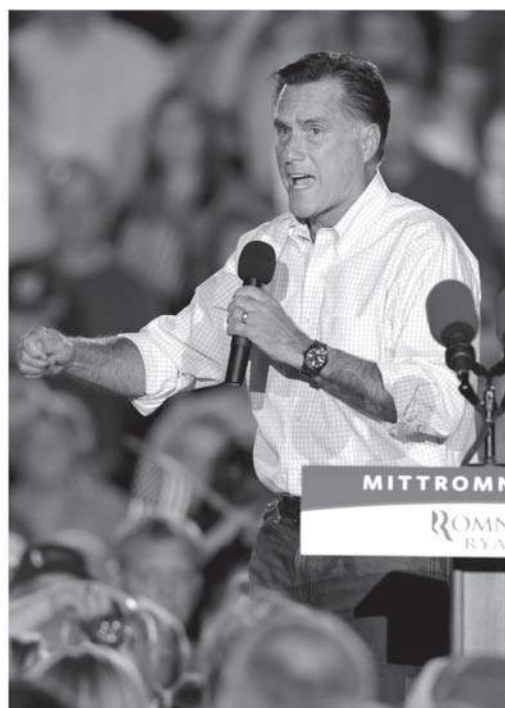
step in to take his place.

"You ask anyone in this district, which one of them could take 90 days off of work?" said Jackson's Republican opponent, Brian Woodworth. The college professor is running in a mostly South Side district that's heavily Democratic.

"Voters should be paying attention to this," Woodworth said. "For the last three months, almost four, he's ignored them. He's hidden from the press. He's ignored the people. He's neglected his job."

The criticism isn't only coming from the GOP. Editorial writers who urged patience weeks ago now are urging Jackson to explain his intentions. In his district, constituents who have expressed a range of reactions to his absence are growing more anxious to hear from him.

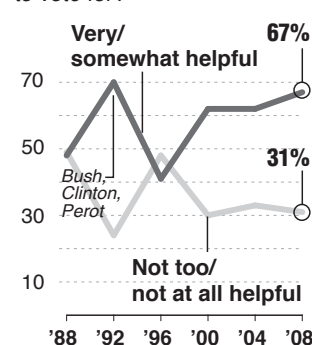
Jacques Whatley, a 39-year-old mother, said she's voted for Jackson in the past but her views have turned as weeks have gone by without any word from the congressman.



In these Sept. 26, 2012, file photo, President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney both campaign in the battleground state of Ohio.

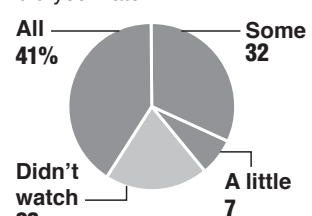
ELECTION 2012 Do debates matter?

How helpful were the presidential debates in deciding which candidate to vote for?



Americans like to watch

How much of the three 2008 presidential debates did you watch?



Source: Pew Research Center News Interest Index survey of 1,003 adults, Oct. 17-20, 2008; margin of error: +/-3.5 percentage points
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Thousands pray for US at 'America for Jesus' rally

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Thousands of conservative Christians gathered Saturday on Independence Mall in Philadelphia to pray for the future of the United States in the weeks before the presidential election.

Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson and Family Research Council president Tony Perkins topped a full day of speakers at "The America for Jesus 2012" prayer rally.

Robertson, a former Republican candidate for president, called the election important, but didn't mention either major political party or candidate by name.

"I don't care what the ACLU

says or any atheists say. This nation belongs to Jesus, and we're here today to reclaim his sovereignty," said Robertson, 82, who founded the Christian Coalition and Christian Broadcasting Network, and ran for president in 1988.

Organizers plan another prayer rally Oct. 20 in Washington, D.C., two weeks before President Barack Obama faces Republican Mitt Romney in the presidential election.

Perkins asked the crowd to pray for elected officials including Obama.

"We pray that his eyes will be open to the truth," Perkins said.

A number of event orga-

nizers, though, have been vocal critics of the Democratic president.

Steve Strang, the influential Pentecostal publisher of Charisma magazine, which was distributed at the rally, recently wrote in a blog post that America is under threat from a "radical homosexual agenda." He also said Obama "seems to be moving toward some form of European socialism."

And speaker Cindy Jacobs has blamed a mysterious Arkansas bird-kill last year on Obama's repeal of the policy known as "don't ask, don't tell," which allows gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

Speakers throughout the day condemned abortion, gay marriage and population control as practiced by Planned Parenthood. Christian rock music filled the historic mall as speakers challenged the crowd to overcome the seven deadly sins: pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and slothfulness.

The rally was held outside of Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed. Pennsylvania is also where evangelist George Whitefield preached during the first Great Awakening, the 18th-century religious revival that spread through the American colonies.

Okla. refinery explosion leaves 1 dead, 1 injured

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A boiler that was being brought back online after maintenance exploded at an oil refinery in Wynnewood, killing one worker and injuring another, Garvin County's sheriff said Saturday.

Billy Smith, 34, of Pauls Valley, died in the blast at the refinery on Friday evening and Russell Mann of Davis was hospitalized with undisclosed injuries, Sheriff Larry Rhodes said. Both were employees of the CVR Energy Inc.-owned plant, Rhodes said.

An official with Sugar Land, Texas-based CVR said Saturday that the company had no comment beyond a statement released Friday expressing sympathy to the families of the employees and saying it was assessing the situation.

The explosion occurred after the plant had been shut down earlier in the week for planned maintenance, a 40-day process called a turnaround, according to Rhodes. "There is no crude oil refining going on right now," he said.

The sheriff said the boiler had undergone maintenance work just before the blast.

"As they were working to bring that unit back up, or back online, that's when a small explosion occurred," he said. "I do know there was no fire; it was more of a blast of the gasses and the pressures that built up within that unit."

Rhodes said the investigation into the cause of the explosion will be turned over to CVR and federal safety officials.

He did not know how many workers were at the refinery at the time of the explosion, but said there are up to 2,000 employees there at various times throughout the day, a number that he said includes contractors working on the maintenance project.

A portion of State Highway 17A and Highway 77 were shut down for nearly two hours after the explosion, according to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

CVR acquired the refinery when it purchased Gary-Williams Energy Corporation in 2011, according to the company's website. The refinery has a daily capacity of 70,000 barrels of crude and produces gasoline, diesel fuel, military jet fuel, solvents and asphalt.

Asia

China's lines around islands suggest more conflict

BEIJING (AP)—One of the hottest items in bookstores across China is a map for a place that is closed to visitors, home only to animals such as goats and crabs, and the reason China's relations with Japan are at their lowest point in years.

China calls them the Diaoyus; Japan, the Senkakus. The new map shows a satellite image of a kidney-shaped main island with splotches of green and a list of 70 affiliated "islands" that are really half-submerged rocks.

China hastily published the map to help maintain public outrage over the Japanese government's purchase of some of the islands from their private Japanese owners. Beijing also

has engaged in another type of mapmaking that may end up escalating the conflict.

It has drawn new territorial markers, or baselines, around the islands and submitted them to the United Nations. That could lead to a more serious attempt to claim the islands, and broad swaths of valuable ocean around them.

"The status quo has been broken in the last month by Japan's purchase and China's publishing of the baselines," said Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt of the International Crisis Group. She said friction is likely to reach its worst level since the 1980s when China and Japan tacitly agreed to set aside the dispute in pursuit of better overall relations.

Beijing has been firm rhetorically. On Saturday, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said the country must safeguard its territorial integrity at a reception celebrating the upcoming National Day.

State television on Saturday reported that the country's navy and air forces conducted joint military exercises with live fire targeting a small island in the East China Sea.

More than lines on paper are at stake. By submitting the baselines to the U.N., China is spelling out its claim to the waters, the fish in them and the oil, gas and other minerals beneath them. Up until now, China has sought to jointly exploit resources with Japan through negotiation.



In this Sept. 19, 2012 photo, a costumer picks copies of newly-published maps of disputed islands, called Diaoyu in China and Senkaku in Japan, at a state-owned book store in Beijing, China.

Afghan forces also suffer from insider attacks

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan Army Sgt. Habibullah Hayar didn't know it, but he had been sleeping with his enemy for weeks.

Twenty days ago, one of his roommates was arrested for allegedly plotting an insider attack against their unit, which is partnered with NATO forces in eastern Paktia province.

Afghan soldiers and policemen—or militants in their uniforms—have gunned down more than 50 foreign troops so far this year, eroding the trust

between coalition forces and their Afghan partners. An equal number of Afghan policemen and soldiers also died in these attacks, giving them reason as well to be suspicious of possible infiltrators within their ranks.

"It's not only foreigners. They are targeting Afghan security forces too," said the 21-year-old Hayar, who was in Kabul on leave. "Sometimes, I think what kind of situation is this that a Muslim cannot trust a Muslim—even a brother cannot trust a brother. It's so confused. No-

body knows what's going on."

The attacks are taking a toll on the partnership, prompting the U.S. military to restrict operations with small-sized Afghan units earlier this month.

The close contact—with coalition forces working side by side with Afghan troops as advisers, mentors and trainers—is a key part of the U.S. strategy for putting the Afghans in the lead as the U.S. and other nations prepare to pull out their last combat troops at the end of 2014, just 27 months away.

stay indoors. At noon Sunday, the storm was packing winds of up to 144 kilometers (90 miles) per hour.

US Embassy warns Americans under threat in Manila

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The U.S. government is warning its citizens in the Philippine capital that they are facing a security threat. It is urging them to avoid gath-

erings that may be regarded as "American events." In an emergency message Friday, the U.S. Embassy in Manila says "reliable security forces" detected a threat in suburban Pasay City. The embassy maintains a residential facility and a Veterans Affairs office in Pasay. It did not describe the nature of the threat or say where the information came from. It says the threat remains through Oct. 10.

World

Syrian fighting torches historic medieval market

BEIRUT (AP)—A fire sparked by battles between Syrian President Bashar Assad's troops and rebel fighters tore through Aleppo's centuries-old covered market Saturday, burning wooden doors and scorching stone stalls and vaulted passageways. The souk is one of a half-dozen renowned cultural sites in the country that have become collateral damage in the civil war.

The damage to one of the best-preserved old souks in the Middle East was the worst yet to a UNESCO World Heritage site in Syria. Across the country, looters have broken into a historic castle, stolen artifacts from museums and damaged ruins in the ancient city of Palmyra, antiquities officials and Syrian experts say.

The Aleppo market, a major tourist attraction with its narrow stone alleys and stores

selling perfume, fabrics and spices, had been the site of occasional gun battles and shelling for weeks. But amateur video posted Saturday showed wall-to-wall flames engulfing wooden doors as burning debris fell away from the storefronts. Activists said hundreds of shops were affected.

"It's a big loss and a tragedy that the old city has now been affected," Kishore Rao, director of UNESCO's World Heritage Center, told The Associated Press by telephone from Paris.

Most of the other sites recognized as heritage sites by UNESCO, the global cultural agency, are also believed to have suffered damage during the 18-month battle to oust Assad, Rao said. The ancient center of Aleppo—Syria's largest city—has been hit the hardest, he said.

"It is a very difficult and tragic situation there," said Ahmad al-Halabi, a local activist speaking by phone from the area. He said rebels and civilians were trying to control the blaze, but only had a few fire extinguishers.

The fire in the souk erupted late Friday and was still burning Saturday, following fierce fighting between regime troops and rebels trying to drive pro-Assad fighters out of the city of 3 million.

On Thursday, rebels launched what they said would be a "decisive battle" for the city, followed by days of heavy fighting, including shelling and street combat. Amateur video has shown rebels taking cover behind walls and makeshift barriers, attacking regime forces with grenades and assault rifles. Activists reported heavy shelling by pro-Assad troops.

Hundreds of Libyans hand over their weapons

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—Hundreds of Libyans converged Saturday on a main square in Benghazi and another in Tripoli in response to a call from the military to hand over their weapons, some driving in with armored personnel carriers, tanks, vehicles with mounted anti-aircraft guns and hundreds of rocket launchers.

The call by the Libyan chiefs of staff was promoted on a private TV station in August. But it may have gained traction in the wake of the attack against the U.S. consulate in Benghazi in which the American ambassador and three staffers were killed. The incident was followed by a popular uproar against armed militias which have increasingly challenged government authorities.

In response, the government has called on all militias to disband or join a command center coordinating between the army and the militias. The government had relied on many militias for security during the turmoil following last year's ouster and killing of longtime leader Moammar Gadhafi.

Army Col. Omran al-Warfali said the turnout has been impressive.

"Hundreds of citizens came since the early hours of this morning to handover their weapons from all segments of society, men and youth, women, and even children came to hand over bullets they found it in the streets," he said.

Previously, the government had estimated that over 200,000 people in Libya are

armed. It has attempted a number of disarmament schemes, including offering people jobs in exchange for handing over their weapons, or offering to buy guns. Those offers have shown few results.

A military official has been urging citizens in ads on a popular TV station to hand in their weapons. The station, Libya alHurra or Free Libya, showed live footage of Saturday's collection and transfer of weapons to military barracks.

Ahmed Salem, an organizer of the efforts in Benghazi, said over 800 citizens handed in weapons at the main collection point. Over 600 different types of arms were collected, including anti-aircraft guns, land mines, rocket launchers and artillery rockets.

Last Western detainee at Gitmo returns to Canada

TORONTO (AP)—The last Western detainee held at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay returned to Canada Saturday after a decade in custody following his capture in Afghanistan at age 15 after being wounded in a firefight with U.S. soldiers, officials said.

Canadian Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said that 26-year-old Omar Khadr arrived at a Canadian military base on a U.S. government plane early Saturday and was transferred to the Millhaven maximum security prison in Bath, Ontario.

The son of an alleged al-Qaida financier, Khadr pleaded guilty in 2010 to killing a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan and was eligible to return to Canada from Guantanamo Bay last October under terms

of a plea deal.

But Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government had long refused to request the return of Khadr, the youngest detainee held at Guantanamo. The reluctance was partly due to suspicions about the Khadr family, which has been called "the first family of terrorism."

The U.S. Defense Department confirmed the transfer in a statement and said 166 detainees remain in detention at Guantanamo Bay.

The Toronto-born Khadr was 15 when he was captured in 2002 in Afghanistan, and has spent a decade at the Guantanamo prison set up on the U.S. naval base in Cuba to hold suspected terrorists after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He received an eight-year sentence in 2010

after being convicted of throwing a grenade that killed Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer during a 2002 firefight.

"His head is spinning a bit and it's going to be a real adjustment for him, but at the same time he is so happy to be home," John Norris, Khadr's Canadian lawyer, said after speaking with his client.

"He can't believe that it is finally true. He simply can't. For very good reason he was quite fearful that the government would not follow through on its word and he's pinching himself right now not believing that this government has finally kept its word," he said.

Norris said Khadr would be eligible for parole as early as the summer of 2013. He said Khadr's return to Canada comes 10 years too late.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Typhoon lashes southern Japan, approaches Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon is heading to Tokyo after injuring dozens of people, causing blackouts and paralyzing traffic in southern Japan. Japan's Meteorological Agency says Typhoon Jelawat is expected to hit the Tokyo region Sunday evening. It warns of torrential rain and sudden wind gusts, urging Tokyo residents to

Health & Fitness

Study suggests tie between BPA and child obesity

By MIKE STOBBE
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A man lights a cigarette as he walks past an advertisement created in collaboration with Mountain Dew and New York Art Department, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, on 13th Street in New York. New York City cracked down on supersized sodas and other sugary drinks Thursday in what is celebrated as a groundbreaking attempt to curb obesity and condemned as a breathtaking intrusion into people's lives by a mayor bent on creating a "nanny state."

NEW YORK (AP)—A provocative new study suggests a connection between the BPA chemical used in food packaging and childhood obesity, but the researchers say their findings don't prove it's the cause.

While most people have traces of the plastics chemical in their bodies, the study found that children with the highest levels in their urine were twice as likely to be obese as those with the lowest.

There are other factors that could explain the results, and many reasons why children gain too much weight, the researchers said.

"Clearly unhealthy diet and poor physical activity are the leading factors contributing to obesity in the United States, especially in children," said lead author Dr. Leonardo Trasande of New York University.

But the study does hint that causes of childhood obesity may be more complicated, he added. He said it is the first national research to tie a chemical from the environment to childhood obesity, and seems to echo what some studies have seen in adults.

One puzzling result: Significant differences were detected only in white children. For black and Hispanic kids, obesity rates were similar for those with the lowest levels of BPA as those with the largest amount. The researchers couldn't explain that finding.

The study was released Tuesday and is in Wednesday's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

BPA, or bisphenol A, has been used since the 1960s and become so widespread that it's found in virtually all Americans. Government health officials have deemed low levels of it to be safe, but haven't been able to decide what amount of BPA—if any—would be a health concern.

BPA is used to make hard plastics for food and beverage containers and many consumer goods and for metal can linings. Environmental groups have worried it interferes with children's development. Makers of baby bottles and sippy cups stopped using it, and this year the Food and Drug Administration announced it could no longer be used in

those baby products.

Some experimental studies on animals have found that BPA can aid obesity by disrupting metabolism and helping to make fat cells larger. And studies have suggested a possible tie between urinary BPA levels and obesity-related illnesses in adults, including diabetes and heart disease.

In the new study, Trasande and his colleagues used information from an annual federal health survey, which includes weighing and measuring participants and taking blood and urine samples.

Their study involved more than 2,800 children ages 6 through 19, who took the survey in the years 2003 through 2008. They compared BPA levels in their urine to their weight, and divided them into four groups based on BPA amounts.

The key finding: About 22 percent of the children with highest levels of BPA were obese, compared to just 10 percent of kids with the lowest levels.

Was the reverse true? Did the heaviest kids have more BPA in

their urine, and the thinnest kids less? Yes, Trasande said. But he did not include those numbers in his study, and declined to provide them.

The study raised more questions than it answered:

■ The body excretes the

chemical in a matter of hours. It's possible that the study is simply indicating that heavier kids are more likely to have recently consumed something from a BPA container.

■ Only one urine sample was taken from each child, and the youngest children in the study were 6. What isn't known is how much BPA they were exposed to when they were infants—the time in life when the chemical theoretically could have had the greatest effect in triggering weight gain.

All this means is that the study raises some interesting questions, but at this point it's impossible to say BPA causes childhood obesity, said Linda Birnbaum, director of

the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a federal agency involved in research on BPA.

"It's a hypothesis that needs further exploration," she said.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents chemical manufacturers, called the study speculative and noted lab animal studies that found no evidence that BPA causes obesity.

"Attempts to link our national obesity problem to minute exposures to chemicals found in common, everyday products are a distraction from the real efforts under way to address this important national health issue," the organization said in a statement.

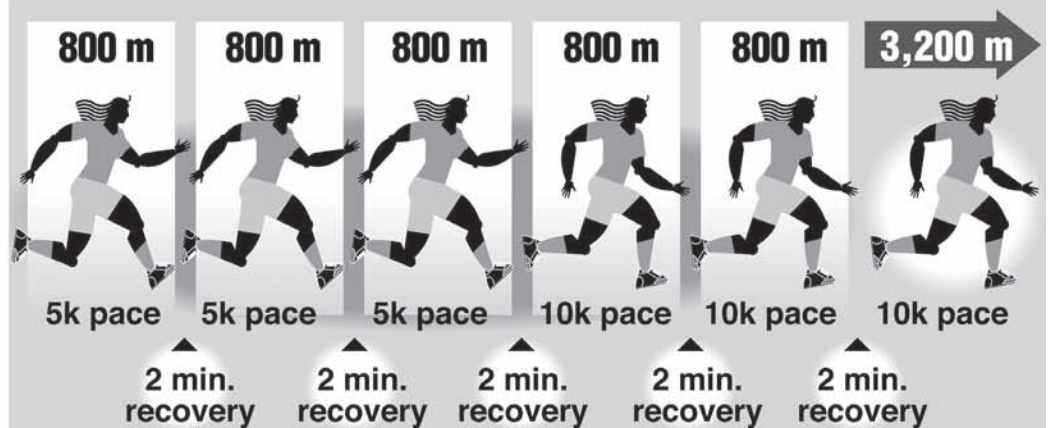
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20 meters

60 meters

20 meters

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Life & Style

Schwarzenegger: Shriver changed tune on recall run

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Arnold Schwarzenegger says his wife, Maria Shriver, was told to “snap out of it” by her mother for her attempts to persuade him against running for California governor in 2003, a conversation that ultimately opened the door to his successful candidacy.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver told her daughter that her husband would be “angry for the rest of his life” if she stopped his ambitions, Schwarzenegger writes in his new autobiography, “Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story.”

The former governor says in the book that he had decided against running to recall Gov. Gray Davis after his wife implored him not to for the sake of their family. Maria Shriver announced his decision to their four children.

But he writes that when Maria Shriver told her mother about her efforts to thwart Schwarzenegger’s political ambitions, Eunice—sister of President John F. Kennedy and Sens. Robert Kennedy and Ted Kennedy—told her daughter that women in their family “always support the men when they want to do something.” Schwarzenegger says he didn’t



In this Feb. 11, 2009 file photo, former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and a bust of Abraham Lincoln are seen in profile during a celebration of Lincoln’s 200 birthday held at the California Museum of History, Women and the Arts in Sacramento, Calif.

know about the conversation at the time, but learned of it later.

Maria Shriver then softened her stance, paving the way for Schwarzenegger to announce his candidacy on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” where he says he felt most comfortable.

The announcement came after

a week of wavering. Schwarzenegger says before he headed to the TV appearance, his wife handed him two pieces of paper with talking points she had written: one in case he decided to run, another in case he decided not to.

He writes that Shriver went on to become a key ally and ad-

viser to his campaign and eventual governorship.

Schwarzenegger has often said that Maria’s mother and her father, Sargent Shriver, were essential to his eventual decision to seek public office, and the most “extraordinary human beings I’ve ever met.” But he also

writes in the book that he often teased his wife that the close-knit Democratic Kennedy clan was “like a bunch of clones” because there was such conformity among them.

A spokesman for Maria Shriver, Matthew DiGirolamo, declined to comment on the contents of the book. Eunice Shriver died in 2009.

“Total Recall” will officially be published next week. The Associated Press purchased an early copy.

Schwarzenegger also writes he had a “hot affair” with actress Brigitte Nielsen at a time he and Maria Shriver were dating and already living together.

Schwarzenegger and Nielsen co-starred in the 1985 film “Red Sonja.” Nielsen wrote in a memoir published last year that she and Schwarzenegger had an “outrageous affair” while making the movie and that she didn’t know until later that he was involved with Shriver.

In “Total Recall,” Schwarzenegger writes that he knew the fling with Nielsen wouldn’t last and in fact it only made him realize that he wanted to marry Shriver.

The book is part of an effort by the onetime “Mr. Universe”

and Hollywood action star to rebrand himself after leaving office with a mixed record and subsequent embarrassing revelations about a fling he had with the family’s housekeeper. Schwarzenegger, who fathered a son with the housekeeper, says he also let the boy down.

Schwarzenegger, 65, said he avoided telling his wife for years about the boy, who is now a teenager, even when Shriver asked him, partly because of his longtime penchant for secrecy, and his fear that the news would become public and undermine his political career. He told his wife in January 2011, when she confronted him the day after he left office.

In an interview with “60 Minutes” scheduled to air Sunday, Schwarzenegger said having sex with his housekeeper was “the stupidest thing” he ever did to his now-estranged wife and caused great pain to her and their four children. CBS aired excerpts of the interview Friday.

“I think it was the stupidest thing I’ve done in the whole relationship. It was terrible. I inflicted tremendous pain on Maria and unbelievable pain on the kids,” Schwarzenegger tells “60 Minutes.”

Thousands attend NYC concert highlighting poverty

NEW YORK (AP)—Neil Young, the Black Keys, Foo Fighters and others wowed thousands who turned out Saturday night for a free concert in Central Park to call attention to poverty worldwide.

Dubbed the Global Citizen Festival, the concert also featured K’naan, John Legend and Band of Horses, with Young’s performance capping off the evening. Video of the event was streamed worldwide as about 60,000 music fans crowded the park’s Great Lawn, the midtown Manhattan skyline twinkling behind them.

Legend made a surprise appearance, playing one song “Imagine” at a piano on stage, a short walk from where the song’s author, John Lennon, once lived. The five-hour show was a mix of tight sets from the bands, roughly an hour each, mixed with videos and information from guest speakers about global poverty-related problems like infant mortality and polio. “Feels good to be here,” Foo Fighters lead singer Dave Grohl told the crowd during a break between hits like “Learn to Fly,” “Best of You” and “My Hero.” Grohl, members of the Black Keys and others joined Young on stage for the finale, his anthem “Rockin’ in the Free World.”

The concert was scheduled



Musician Neil Young, right, performs with his band Crazy Horse including Frank Sampedro, left, and Ralph Molina, at the Global Citizen Festival in Central Park on Saturday Sept. 29, 2012 in New York.

around the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York this month and organizers used an innovative approach to ticket distribution so that many concert-goers were forced to learn about an array of global problems in order to get a ticket.

Anyone wanting free tickets had to register at globalcitizen.org, which then required users to watch videos or read information about poverty-related issues. Each time material was

consumed, users could earn points toward a drawing for tickets. Points were also accumulated by sharing information by way of Twitter or Facebook.

“Our social media campaign has been off the charts,” said Hugh Evans, CEO and co-founder of the Global Poverty Project. The approach demonstrates a new model for harnessing digital tools that might be repeated for other big events with political or social messages.

Organizers said more than

71,000 people had signed up online, resulting in more than 3.5 million page views. On average, they spent just over six minutes consuming content or sharing information. Nearly 200,000 pieces of information were shared on Facebook, and just a bit more than that on Twitter. About 170,000 people signed petitions via the site, and there were 98,000 videos viewed to completion.

Evans said the project achieved its goals, set out last

year, of getting more than 100,000 people to take action related to extreme poverty while telling a new story about the challenges. To that end, the site conveys information in detailed, documentary-like accounts and uses an array of video, graphics and stories that are friendly for mobile

and digital consumption.

Financially, he said, the project also achieved its year-long goal—working with an array of organizations like the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, the Earth Institute and Rotary International—of garnering \$500 million in commitments to help fight poverty.

In Celebration of His New Life JUAN TILIPAO METTAO

May 28, 1952 – September 26, 2012

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Father: Pedro L. Mettao
Mother: Emilia T. Mettao
Brother/Sister: Ana T. Mettao, Joaquin T. Mettao
Sister In-Law: Lucinda (Cindy) Laniyo Mettao
Nephew: Franklin Laniyo

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:

Brothers/Sisters: Dolores M. Mangareo (Ambrosio) & Family, Francisco T. Mettao & Family, Ramon T. Mettao (Sarine) & Family, Celina M. Setefano (Willy) & Family
Reared Sisters: Elizabeth Semens (Patrick) & Family, Dolores T. Limes (John Faisao)

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00AM at the San Jose Church. Nightly Rosary is being prayed at 8:00PM at the family residence in Oleai.

On Wednesday, October 03, 2012 his body will be brought to the family residence in Oleai at 3:00PM for Wake service.

On Thursday, October 04, 2012 Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM at San Jose Church. Interment Service will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

Thank You

The Family

Cemetery wreath thief does grave disservice to family

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I need to let off some steam, because the more I think about an incident that happened last summer, the madder I get.

My sister and I take turns (a few days at a time) caring for our 91-year-old mother, who has Alzheimer's and can't be left alone.

My family lives 60 miles from my mother, so before returning to my home for the Fourth of July, I took flowers to the family cemetery, which is close to Mom's house. It's something I do every year, and the tradition holds great meaning for me.

It was late afternoon on Saturday when I took wreaths I had made for each of my grandparents, an uncle, my precious son (who was 5 years old when he died), and my dear late sister who was recently laid to rest.

Each wreath was unique—I had carefully chosen favorite flowers and colors. Even though the wreaths were artificial, they were pretty, and I felt proud to display them on the graves of my loved ones.

The following evening, my sister called me after she had delivered her flowers to the cemetery. I was shocked to hear the news that my offerings were no longer on the graves—someone had taken them! (I am positive that the wind hadn't blown them away because I was careful to secure them in the ground.)

I have heard stories about people stealing floral displays from graves to put on other graves—even selling them at yard sales. However, I have come up with a solution: The next time I take a wreath to the cemetery, I'll put on my rubber gloves and add poison ivy to the greenery.

ITCHING TO GET EVEN IN CINCINNATI

DEAR ITCHING: I don't blame you for being angry, and your solution is both clever and diabolical. However, as much as you would like to get even with the wreath thief, please don't do anything rash. An innocent person—like a groundskeeper—might pick up the wreath and suffer the consequences.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a beautiful, fairy-tale wedding. When it came time for the bride and groom to cut the cake, the groom fed his bride a bite and then smashed the rest all over her face. It went all over her dress and destroyed her makeup. I'm sure she was angry and humiliated.

I have been to lots of weddings over the years and have seen this happen over and over. I'm not old, Abby, I'm only 35—so no one can say I'm a crotchety old woman.

My point is, this man had just promised to love, cherish, honor and endow his bride with all his worldly goods. Then he negated his vow with a blatant disregard for her self-respect in front of family and friends. I'm all for food and fun, in its place. However, I don't feel a day that has been planned and prepared for months—and sometimes years, wads of money spent for a dress, veil, makeup, etc.—deserves to be defiled.

I have also seen grooms treated this way by brides. It is just wrong!

OFFENDED IN GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

DEAR OFFENDED: I agree. Not only is it wrong, but it is also an indication of the perpetrator's level of immaturity.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



Dear Abby

'Lorax' film wins Environmental Media award

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—The feature film "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax," documentary "Chasing Ice" and HBO comedy "Veep" are among the winners of this year's Environmental Media Association Awards.

The organization presented its 22nd annual honors for programs that raise awareness about environmental issues Saturday at a private ceremony on a sound stage at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, Calif.

Malin Akerman, who hosted the event, performed with her band

and announced that she is expecting her first child with husband Roberto Zincone.

Other winners announced Saturday include the Disney Channel show "Handy Manny" and the National Geographic Channel's reality show, "Superfish: Bluefin Tuna." Jessica Alba and Ian Somerhalder were also recognized for their environmental contributions.

AP
Malin Akerman performs at the 22nd Annual Environmental Media Awards on Saturday Sept. 29, 2012, at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, Calif.



Jay-Z christens Barclays Center with Brooklyn love

NEW YORK (AP)—The newly built Barclays Center is the home of the Brooklyn Nets, and Jay-Z, an investor in the team, christened the venue Friday night in uniform, sporting a Nets hat and jersey as he rapped two dozen jams onstage in front of thousands.

Jay-Z performed for an excited and rowdy crowd of 18,000, wearing a jersey that featured his last name, Carter, and the number four. It was his first of eight shows at the venue.

As he emerged onstage, a video highlighting some of Brooklyn's historical moments—like when it was named an official borough of New York City—played in the background. There were also pictures of famous faces who were born in Brooklyn, from Michael Jordan to Al Capone to Aaliyah to Adam Yauch of Beastie Boys.

Jay-Z opened the show with the hometown anthems "Where I'm From," a song about his upbringing in Brooklyn's Marcy projects complex, and "Brook-

lyn Go Hard." He followed that with a tribute to one of Brooklyn's icons: the late Notorious B.I.G. He performed some of the rap vet's hit "Juicy" as the crowd joined in.

"Sing loud so he can hear you in heaven," said Jay-Z, who also held a moment of silence for the rapper, who was shot to death in 1997.

Another Brooklynite—Big Daddy Kane—made an appearance, performing songs like "Ain't No Half Steppin'" and "Warm It Up, Kane." He received a roaring cheer from the crowd when performing old-school dance moves with two dancers in all white.

Jay-Z said Friday's concert was incomparable to most of his other top-level performances, including the Grammys, Glastonbury or Coachella.

"Nothing feels like tonight," he told the crowd multiple times.

The audience was excited and wild, cheering on Jay-Z as blue laser lights beamed across the

venue. A seven-piece band was placed a level above Jay-Z, who paced from left to right while performing jams like "Empire State of Mind," "I Just Wanna Love U (Give It 2 Me)," "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," "99 Problems" and many others. Videos played on screens behind and above Jay-Z, while screens for fans in the higher sections—though not large enough—showed the rapper's performance on the left and right sides of the stage.

"I want to thank you, Brooklyn, New York City, for making me the man I am today," he said. "Like I said, everybody's from Brooklyn tonight."

A fan in the front section held up Jackie Robinson's Brooklyn Dodgers jersey, immediately grabbing Jay-Z's attention. He asked the fan for it and said: "I promise I'll give it back."

"Brooklyn had their heart broken," he said as he held up the jersey and referred to the Dodgers leaving for Los Angeles after the 1957 baseball season. "We cried for so many

years. ...Look how far we've come." Jay-Z will perform at Barclays through Oct. 6 with the exception of Oct. 2.

NYer pleads guilty to stalking actress Cotillard



AP
In this Feb. 4, 2008 photo, Actress Marion Cotillard poses on the press line at a party honoring Cotillard for her Academy Award nomination for best actress in the film "La Vie En Rose" in Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York City woman has pleaded guilty to stalking "The Dark Knight Rises" actress Marion Cotillard (koh-tee-YAR').

Teresa Yuan pleaded guilty Friday in Brooklyn federal court. Prosecutors say she sent 504 emails and 120 webcam videos of herself to a Cotillard fan website over four days in 2011.

In some of the videos shown in court, Yuan appears to be topless, hisses like a cat and discusses playing Russian roulette. Her lawyer says he agrees the videos could seem threatening.

The Daily News reports (<http://nydn.us/TOhkYD>) the 32-year-old Queens resident told a judge that she's undergoing psychiatric treatment for bipolar disorder.

The charge carries a sentence of up to 16 months in prison, but her lawyer says prosecutors have indicated they wouldn't object to probation and psychological treatment.

Ga. police break up scuffle at BET Hip-Hop Awards

ATLANTA (AP)—Atlanta police officers broke up an altercation Saturday evening between two groups at the seventh annual BET Hip-Hop Awards, but no arrests were made.

Police spokesman Carlos Campos said officers responded to the scuffle at around 7:30 p.m. in the backstage area of the awards show, held at a downtown civic center. Campos said there were no injuries or shots fired.

Police have not released the identities of those involved in the scuffle.

The altercation took place around the same time as a tribute performance to hip-hop mogul Chris Lighty, who committed suicide last month.

BET officials told The Associated Press that the awards show was not interrupted.

Kanye West, who received the most nominations with 17, didn't attend the event. The show will air on BET on Oct. 9. Rapper LL Cool J paid homage



AP
B.o.B attends the red carpet at the BET Hip-Hop Honors at Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, in Atlanta.

in remarks to Lighty, who he says helped shape his career and many others in hip-hop. After Cool J spoke, rappers Q-Tip, Fat Joe, Busta Rhymes, Missy Elliott and 50 Cent took the stage to perform.

The show was highlighted by several freestyle sessions that included rapper T.I., B.o.B., Snoo Dogg, E-40 and Cassidy.

Others who performed included Rick Ross, P. Diddy, 2 Chainz and Future.

Rapper T.I. presented legendary rapper Rakim with the "I Am Hip-Hop Icon" honor. 2 Chainz won the People's Choice award, and Kendrick Lamar came away with Lyricist of the Year award.

Pastimes

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By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Rearward, at sea

4 Highlanders

9 AAA job

12 Scatter seeds

13 Monastery head

14 Years you've lived

15 9-Ball setting

17 Popular sandwich, for short

18 Him (Ger.)

19 They can't be compared to oranges

21 Thickly entangled, as hair

24 Aching

25 Playwright Levin

26 Steal from

28 Do, re and mi

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31 Occupy completely

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35 Colt's mama

36 Dervish

38 Affirmative

40 Falsehood

41 Sketch

43 Rouse

45 Journalist

47 Scot's hat

48 "— and Peace"

49 Cheating, e.g.

54 Superlative

55 Small egg

56 Citric beverage

57 Secret agent

58 Apportioned

59 Tatter

10 Lecherous look

11 Drenches

16 Illuminated

20 Seniors' dance

21 Anger

22 Opera solo

23 Swear

27 Lad

29 A Great Lake

30 Witnessed

32 Old Italian money

34 Washington city

37 Haphazard

39 Vacillated

42 Relinquish

44 Pump up the volume

45 Has bills

46 Grate

50 Trench

51 Rowing tool

52 Harem room

53 Lower limb

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 10-1

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zach Galifianakis, 43; Esai Morales, 50; Randy Quaid, 62; Julie Andrews, 77.

Happy Birthday: You will be instrumental in making a difference to an outcome if you speak up and take action. Your heart is in the right place. Don't let rigidity stand in the way of your accomplishments. Reassess your situation and focus on the end result. Your ego will lead you down the wrong path. Your numbers are 6, 8, 23, 26, 32, 40, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Conflict will surface if you feel you are working harder than your colleagues. Impulsive decisions will cost you a friendship with one of your peers. Don't let anger be your chariot when silence and perfection will win the race. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may have difficulties with a partner if you cannot find common ground. A face-to-face conversation will bring better results. Consider a suggestion that is a little obscure but has potential. A vocational opportunity is within reach. Avoid love spats. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A last-minute change of plans will be to your benefit. Getting together with people who have something to offer you will contribute to your goal. Physical changes or activities will raise your self-esteem. You can profit if you act on a hunch. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider the consequences if you take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Limitations are likely to lead to depression should you

miss out on something you really wanted to attend due to prior commitments. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Learn from past experience. Injury or arguments will prevail if you cannot put grudges or failures behind you. Focus on what you can experience through educational pursuits or on spending time with people from different backgrounds. Romance is highlighted. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't make serious decisions regarding money, contracts or medical matters based on emotions. Do more research and consider your options before you jump to conclusions or do something impractical. Secrets will lead to confrontation. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partnership problems are apparent if you let your emotions interfere with what needs to be done and the decisions you must make. Separate business from personal, and move forward with discipline and common sense. Your professionalism will lead to greater opportunities. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful. Minor mishaps will leave you in an awkward position. Concentrate on your creative projects. Stick close to home, but don't let personal relationships interfere with your productivity. Discipline and hard work will pay off. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Showing off will grab attention resulting in added support and acknowledgment for your attributes. A partnership will help you get more done in half the time. Home improvements will pay off and set your mind at ease. Love is in the stars. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your emotions interfere with your accomplishments. You cannot please everyone, so do what you feel is best for you and the ones you love and keep moving forward. A change will cause discord with a friend or relative. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep an open mind. A good deal is apparent. With a little work on your part, you can end up in a better position personally or financially. Larger quarters or a better workspace will add to your skills and your productivity. Love is highlighted. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay on top of what you must accomplish. Someone will take advantage of you if you aren't careful. Frustration and depression due to an emotional money situation can stifle your plans if you aren't creative in the way you handle your personal funds. ***

Birthday Baby: You are a dedicated, loyal friend. You are insightful and inventive.

Eugenia's Web sites: eugenialast.com for confidential consultations, myspace.com/eugenialast for Eugenia's blog, astroadvice.com for fun

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

7	1	6	9	3	8	2	4	5
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2	5	8	6	4	9	3	1	7
3	6	7	8	1	5	4	9	2
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE

Solution: 8 letters

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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

-v-

LESLIE GOTTWALD,
Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0196

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE
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MARLON DELA ROSA PINEDA,
Petitioner,

Versus

ANNABEL M. BAU-PINEDA,
Respondent.

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by

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Poulter keeps Europeans in hunt at Ryder Cup



MEDINAH, Ill.

(AP)—Europe sure didn't look like a team trailing by four points in the Ryder Cup.

Under a darkening sky, there was still enough light to see the whites of Ian Poulter's bulging eyes and his golf ball disappear into the cup for a fifth straight birdie—and another crucial point Saturday. There was no mistaking the smile of captain Jose Maria Olazabal, who waited from sunrise to sunset at Medinah for hope that this cup was still within reach.

Right when it looked like the Americans were a lock to win it back, Poulter came through with a performance so remarkable that it was the only match Europe won when it trailed on the back nine. Right before him, Luke Donald matched a clutch shot by Tiger Woods with one that was even better and it kept Woods winless for the first time going into Sunday singles.

Those two matches gave Europe a load of momentum going into the final day, even if all it really changed was the size of the deficit.

The Americans still had a big lead, 10-6. Europe at least had hope.

The endless chants of "USA! USA!" gave way at the end to snappy serenades of "Ole, Ole, Ole" as both sides trudged to their team rooms in darkness, the Europeans in their berry-colored sweaters walking a little taller.

"We're excited about our position," U.S. captain Davis Love III said. "But we know it's not over yet."

That's what Ben Crenshaw said in 1999 at Brookline when the Americans trailed by the same score, and then delivered the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history. That's what Europe faces now.

The message Olazabal had for his team Saturday night was simple.

"Let's go out there and play your socks off."

Olazabal remembers that American comeback as well as anyone. He was warming up on the range when the Americans sent their best players out early and won the first six matches. He was in the decisive match against Justin Leonard, who holed a 45-foot putt on the 17th hole. And he was in the team room in tears with the rest of the Europeans.

Is the Spaniard a big believer in fate?

"I believe momentum will come our way," Olazabal said. "Why not tomorrow?"

Olazabal borrowed a page from that '99 Ryder Cup by loading the top of his singles lineup with his best players. Luke Donald leads off against Bubba Watson, followed by Poulter against Webb Simpson, Rory McIlroy against Keegan Bradley and Justin Rose against



Europe's Ian Poulter hugs Rory McIlroy after winning their four-ball match at the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill. AP

Phil Mickelson.

Love put Woods in the anchor positions against Francesco Molinari, whom Woods beat in Wales two years ago.

The European strategy was no surprise. Love was at Brookline, too. He realized Europe had no other choice. And he was not the least bit worried that his team would look ahead to winning, or turn tight and play not to lose.

"Even if they were in primary school, they know about 1999, and they know the story," Love said. "They know Ben Crenshaw. They know Justin Leonard. They know what can happen. And they're going to be having the same kind of team meeting we had in '99. 'All right, boys, we've got to win the first six.' And then the game is one."

The final two matches Saturday were a showcase of what the Ryder Cup is all about - one brilliant shot after another, birdies on every hole, suspense at every turn.

Donald and Sergio Garcia were on the verge of blowing a 4-up lead to hard-charging Woods and Steve Stricker, hanging on when Donald matched two birdies with Woods, including a tee shot into the 17th that plopped down 2 feet from the cup.

Woods, who made five birdies on the back nine for the second straight day without a point to show for it, was thinking more of the big picture.

"Being up four is nice," he said. "We are in a great spot right now to win the cup."

Poulter and McIlroy were

2 down with six holes to play against Jason Dufner and Zach Johnson when McIlroy made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 13th, and Poulter took it from there.

"We had to make birdies, and wow! Five in a row. It was awesome," Poulter said. "I've got the world No. 1 at my side, backing me up. It allowed me to hit some golf shots."

The crowd was still buzzing as it filed out of Medinah, and Poulter grinned.

"It's pretty fun, this Ryder Cup," said Poulter, who raised his career record to 11-3-0.

It's been plenty fun for the Americans, who for the first time have not lost any of the four sessions since the Ryder Cup switched to the current format in 1979. Mickelson and Bradley were flawless in foursomes, matching a Ryder Cup record for largest margin with a 7-and-6 win over Donald and Lee Westwood.

Mickelson and Bradley have been so dominant that they have yet to play the 18th hole in any of their three matches. Bradley became the first rookie since Garcia in 1999 to win his first three matches.

They didn't play in the afternoon, part of the master plan by U.S. captain Davis Love III to make sure his players were fresh for Sunday. Love became the first U.S. captain since 1979 to make sure each of his players sat out at least one match before the final day.

Now, he finds out if it will work.

"We're not disappointed," Love said of the late rally by Europe. "We haven't lost a seg-

ment yet, and we're just going to try to keep that string going."

Despite the last two matches that swung momentum away from them, the Americans only have to look at their 10-6 lead—their largest since it was 10 1/2-5 1/2 in 1981—to realize how close they are to winning back that 17-inch gold trophy. They only need 14 1/2 points to win. That translates to four wins and a halve in the 12 singles matches, traditionally an American strength.

And they have built this lead without getting a single point from Woods, who has lost his last five matches with Stricker in two Ryder Cups and a Presidents Cup.

"I've played well the last two afternoons and didn't get a point," Woods said. "It's tough. Yesterday I made a bunch of birdies and today I made five on the back nine and it just wasn't enough."

His team has carried him along, though.

Watson and Simpson rolled to a 5-and-4 win in the afternoon, while Dustin Johnson and Matt Kuchar won for the second straight time in fourballs in a tight match. It was tied going to the par-3 17th, a daunting shot from an elevated tee to a narrow green guarded by water. Johnson hit 8-iron to 20 feet and poured in the birdie putt, setting off the loudest cheer of a raucous week outside Chicago. They halved the 18th for a 1-up win.

"Probably the loudest roar I've ever heard," Johnson said. "In that situation, probably one of the best putts I've ever made."

The Americans had a 5-3 lead to start the day, and it was critical for the Europeans to make inroads. Instead, they saw more American red on the scoreboards

and heard endless cheers erupt from all corners of Medinah.

Leading the way was Bradley, the rock star of this Ryder Cup who was so fired up that he came out to the first tee well before his match to ask for noise. In alternate shot, the most difficult format, Bradley and Mickelson had six birdies in 10 holes, and their 7-and-6 win tied the Ryder Cup record last matched in 1991.

Jim Furyk and Brandt Snedeker atoned for a Friday loss by beating McIlroy and Graeme McDowell in 18 holes, and the Americans took an 8-4 lead to the afternoon. All the momentum was on their side. The crowd felt it, and so did the players from both teams.

"It was hard—very hard—to ignore the red on the board," McDowell said. "It's hard to ignore the noise that's been made around the golf course. There's blood in the water. They're up for it."

That's what made those last two matches so critical.

Woods did not play Saturday morning, the first time he's ever been at the Ryder Cup in uniform without a tee time, and he didn't contribute much in falling so far behind. But he turned it around on the back nine, pointing to the cup when a birdie putt fell, screaming orders at his tee shot as the ball was in the air, looking like he was on the verge of a big comeback. Donald and Garcia, who had yet to win a point, made sure that didn't happen.

Mickelson, Bradley tie record

MEDINAH, Ill. — Phil Mickelson hailed his unbeaten pairing with Keegan Bradley as the best American duo in Ryder Cup history after their record-tying victory on Saturday morning.

Following their two big wins on Friday, Mickelson and Bradley were even better in their foursomes match (alternate shot format) against Lee Westwood and Luke Donald, trouncing the Europeans 7 and 6.

That feat, against the Nos. 2 and 3 in the world, no less, matched the largest margin of victory in a team match since the Ryder Cup went to its current format in 1979, and was a testament to the closeness and spirit Mickelson and Bradley have quickly built.

Asked on television if there had ever been a tighter-knit and more dynamic team in event history, Mickelson said: "Not on the American side. The European side has had some great teammates."

"To be able to share this experience with Keegan and partake in his great play and experience the Ryder Cup together has been awesome."

Bradley became just the fourth rookie from either side to go 3-0 to begin his Ryder Cup career. Still, despite Mickelson's and Bradley's

success together, U.S. captain Davis Love III sat them for the final pairs session Saturday afternoon.

When he dropped Tiger Woods for the Saturday morning matches, Love insisted no one on his team would play all five sessions. Mickelson indicated he and Bradley would enjoy a well-earned rest.

Mickelson and Bradley won their first three matches at the Ryder Cup. (AP) Historically and mathematically guys have not done so well in singles if they have played every session," Mickelson said. "We have got some great guys who need to get out there playing and we might have the opportunity to get some rest, so don't be surprised."

Mickelson has long struggled in Ryder Cup matches, struggling to build chemistry with any of his 14 previous partners. However, Love's decision to play him alongside Bradley has been a revelation, and the 42-year-old's form has been nothing short of sensational.

Bradley's energy and intensity has allowed Mickelson's game to flow. For the second session in a row, he effectively closed out proceedings with a majestic long iron to within a few feet.

Orioles join Yankees atop AL East



BALTIMORE
(AP)—Chris

Davis hit his 30th home run, rookie Manny Machado lined a go-ahead shot in the seventh inning and the Orioles climbed into a tie atop the AL East by defeating the Red Sox.

After finishing in the division cellar in each of the previous four seasons, Baltimore (91-67) is now in first place with the New York Yankees. Both teams have four games left.

The Yankees lost to Toronto before this game started, so the Orioles knew they would earn a share of the lead with a win. Baltimore went ahead 3-0 in the fourth, then let Boston pull even before Machado homered a liner into the second row of the left-field seats off Felix Doubront (11-10).

Tigers 6, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run homer to move into at least a tie for the lead in all three triple crown categories and Justin Verlander struck out eight in seven innings to help the Detroit Tigers stay in front in the AL Central with a 6-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Cabrera's blast in the eighth inning off Casey Fien was his 43rd home run for the year, moving him into a tie with Texas star Josh Hamilton for the AL lead. He also leads the AL in batting average (.327) and RBIs (136) as he looks to become the first player since 1967 to lead the league in all three categories.

Rays 10, White Sox 4

In Chicago, Matt Moore pitched one-hit ball into the sixth, Matt Joyce homered twice and the Rays stayed three games behind in the chase for the second AL wild card by beating the sliding White Sox.

Tampa Bay, with nine wins in 10 games, remained three games out of the second wild card behind Oakland, which beat Seattle 7-4 Saturday.

Moore (11-11) went 5 1-3 innings with two walks and four strikeouts. Jeff Keppinger and Chris Gimenez also homered for the Rays.

Whit the White Sox trailing 10-0 in the eighth, pinch-hitter Orlando Hudson hit a grand slam off reliever Chris Archer - Chicago's fourth hit all day.

Athletics 7, Mariners 4, 10 innings

In Oakland, Josh Donaldson hit a tying two-run home run in the ninth inning and Brandon Moss hit a game-ending three-run homer in the 10th, and the Athletics gained ground on the first-place Texas Rangers with a stunning win over the Mariners.

Coco Crisp singled off Oliver Perez (1-3) leading off the final inning for his fourth hit. Stephen Pryor entered with one out and walked Yoenis Cespedes on



Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Steve Johnson throws to the Boston Red Sox in the third inning of a baseball game in Baltimore, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012.

four pitches.

Moss hammered the first pitch against Pryor well over the wall in right for his 21st home run, sending Oakland streaming out of the dugout to celebrate its major-league leading 14th walk-off win.

Blue Jays 3, Yankees 2

In Toronto, Adeiny Hechavarria doubled home the tiebreaking run in the sixth inning and the Blue Jays beat the Yankees, trimming New York's lead atop the AL East.

Toronto's Rajai Davis homered and had three hits as the Blue Jays increased the pressure on the Yankees, who wasted several opportunities early.

Shawn Hill (1-0) pitched three innings of scoreless relief for the win and Casey Janssen closed it out for his 21st save in 24 chances.

Royals 7, Indians 6, 14 innings

In Cleveland, Tony Abreu's two-out single in the 14th inning gave Kansas City a win over the Indians, snapping the Royals' six-game losing streak.

Scott Maine (2-3) walked Mike Moustakas on four pitches to start the inning. Jeff Francoeur and Brayan Pena struck out, but Maine's wild pitch moved Moustakas into scoring position. Abreu blooped a single to center to score the go-ahead run.

Both teams used nine pitchers and Cleveland's bullpen pitched 10 scoreless innings before allowing the winning run.

Nationals 6, Cardinals 4

In St. Louis, Michael Morse circled the bases for a grand slam after taking an imaginary swing, and the Washington Nationals cut their magic number for winning the NL East to one,

beating St. Louis 6-4 on Kurt Suzuki's two-run double in the 10th inning.

The Nationals were forced to wait at least another day when second-place Atlanta won.

St. Louis' magic number for clinching the second NL wild-card spot remained at three.

The Nationals opened the game with a blast, and a bit of comedy.

Morse's drive with the bases loaded cleared the wall but caromed back onto the field, sending runners and fielders scurrying. The umpires reviewed the ball on replay and confirmed it was indeed a grand slam.

Brewers 9, Astros 5

In Milwaukee, Marco Estrada struck out 11 in eight shutout innings, Corey Hart homered twice and the Brewers beat the Astros.

The Brewers began the day barely in the playoff race, a year after they reached the NL championship series. Any Milwaukee loss or St. Louis win would mean elimination.

Hart drove in four runs to back Estrada (5-7), who won for the third time in four starts. The right-hander allowed only four singles and a walk after giving up six earned runs in just four innings against Washington in his last outing.

Braves 2, Mets 0

In Atlanta, Mike Minor pitched 6 1-3 sharp innings to win his fifth straight decision, Martin Prado and Jason Heyward each had an RBI and the Braves beat the Mets.

Chipper Jones, who played his next-to-last regular-season game at Turner Field, was hitless in four at-bats.

Craig Kimbrel earned his 41st save of in 44 chances with a scoreless but shaky ninth.

The Braves began the night four games behind Washington in the National League East. If they don't win the division, the Braves will host a wild-card playoff game next Friday.

Pirates 2, Reds 1

In Pittsburgh, Andrew McCutchen hit a solo home run off Jonathan Broxton with one out in the ninth inning, lifting the Pirates over the Reds.

A day after getting no-hit by Cincinnati's Homer Bailey, the Pirates won with eight hits.

McCutchen's 31st homer helped Pittsburgh keep a record 20th consecutive losing season at bay for at least a day. The All-Star hit a 2-2 fastball from Broxton (4-4) a couple rows deep in right-center before getting mobbed at home plate by his teammates.

Joel Hanrahan (5-1) worked out of a two-on, two-out jam in the ninth, setting the stage for McCutchen.

Phillies 9, Marlins 5

In Miami, Roy Halladay survived a shaky opening inning, Jimmy Rollins had three hits and scored three times, and the Phillies beat the Marlins.

Chase Utley drove in three runs and Carlos Ruiz added a two-run double for the Phillies, who evened their record at 79-79 with four games left.

Halladay (11-8) allowed six hits and four runs, striking out seven and walking three in five innings.

Giancarlo Stanton had three hits, including his 36th homer, and drove in three runs for Miami.

Diamondbacks 8, Cubs 2

In Phoenix, Trevor Cahill threw a four-hitter in his third career complete game, Justin Upton drove in three runs and the Dia-

mondbacks added to Chicago's futility in the NL West with a victory over the Cubs.

Cahill (13-12), 4-1 in his final five starts of the season, struck out a season-high nine and walked three. He was two outs shy of his third career shutout when Alfonso Soriano hit his 32nd home run of the season in the ninth.

Padres 7, Giants 3

In San Diego, Chase Headley drove a ball out of Petco Park for a milestone homer and center fielder Cameron Maybin made a spectacular leaping catch to keep a ball in.

Both of the big plays helped the San Diego Padres beat the NL West champion San Fran-

cisco Giants, 7-3.

Headley continued his breakout season with a two-run homer, his 30th. He finished with three RBIs to tie Ryan Braun for the NL lead with 112.

Dodgers 3, Rockies 0

In Los Angeles, the Dodgers' faint playoff hopes are still flickering, and Matt Kemp does not want to see them extinguished if he can help it.

Kemp homered twice, Joe Blanton pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning, and the desperate Dodgers climbed within two games of the second NL wild-card spot with a 3-0 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Los Angeles' fourth straight victory, coupled with St. Louis' 10-inning loss to Washington, gave the Dodgers a much-needed boost with four games left.

Refs approve deal, ready for Sunday games



IRVING, Texas

(AP)—NFL officials ended their labor dispute with the league by approving a new eight-year contract with a 112-5 vote Saturday, then hustled off to the airport to get to work.

Next stop, stadiums around the country.

And, the officials hope, anonymity.

"The last Super Bowl that I worked, when we got in the locker room, I said, 'You know, the best thing about this game, nobody will remember who refereed this game,'" said Scott Green, president of the referees' association. "That's how we like to work."

The vote ended a labor spat that created three weeks of increasingly chaotic games run by replacement officials who drew criticism of everyone from the average fan to President Barack Obama.

"It was pretty much 'Come on in and vote,'" Green said. "We're going to talk football now. We're going to stop talking about CBAs and lockouts and now we're going to talk about rules and video and getting ourselves ready to work football games."

They may get ovations similar to the one bestowed on the crew that worked Thursday's Cleveland-Baltimore game with the tentative deal in place.

The referees met for about an hour and a half Friday night to go over the contract, then gathered for another 30 minutes Saturday morning before approving the contract.

"We are obviously pleased to hear it," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an email to The Associated Press on Saturday.

Because they were aware of the financial parameters, most of the discussion by the referees involved non-economic issues such as year-round work and developmental squads, said Tim Millis, the association's executive director.

The deal came together

quickly this week after an increasing chorus of complaints became impossible to ignore when a disputed touchdown call on the final play gave the Seattle Seahawks a victory over the Green Bay Packers on national television Monday night.

Many thought the ruling of a Seattle touchdown instead of a Green Bay interception was botched, and the labor dispute drew public comments from Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

By late Wednesday, the sides had a contract calling for refs' salaries to increase from an average of \$149,000 a year in 2011 to \$173,000 in 2013, rising to \$205,000 by 2019. The current defined benefit pension plan will remain in place for current officials through the 2016 season or until the official earns 20 years' service.

The defined benefit plan will then be frozen. Retirement benefits will be provided for new hires, and for all officials beginning in 2017, through a defined contribution.

Beginning with the 2013 season, the NFL will have the option to hire a number of officials to work year-round. The NFL also can retain additional officials for training and development and assign those officials to work games. The number of additional officials will be determined by the league.

The officials that worked Thursday's Ravens-Browns game were cheered from the moment they walked onto the field. The difference between the regular crew and replacements was clear. The officials kept the game in control, curtailing the chippy play and choppy pace that had marred the first three weeks of the regular season.

"I think the thing we're most proud of is the lesson that we all learned," Green said. "If you're going to be in a professional league, you've got top-notch coaches, you need professional officials as well."

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gave up his back to Wusstig from the standing position. He recovered and managed to press Wusstig back on the fence, but could not secure a takedown on his second attempt, despite a large uproar from the 670 crowd.

Aware of Jesse’s grappling skills, Wusstig proceeded with caution out of the gate and hardly threw counter strikes, but his patience paid off late in the round, as he landed a guillotine hold and used it to dish out some heavy knees that may have stole the round. The two fights quickly became tangled again in the second round, as Wusstig went for a takedown, and Jesse opted for a Kimura. Round 2 was very even and both displayed true warrior strength. Wusstig managed some more knees just before the bell and still appeared in control, as Jesse was sporting a cut on his left cheek heading into the third frame.

Both fighters pushed each other against the fence early in the third round, but this time Jesse slipped away at one point and scored his takedown. Wusstig hung tough as Jesse maintained top position and just before the one-minute mark, the former got to his feet and immediately unloaded

some big head blows down on his defenseless opponent.

After the fight, the former division belt holder Shane “Pikaboo” Alvarez (8-1) of Trench Tech, pleaded for a rematch against Wusstig, and the undisputed champion shrugged, “sure,” although he was inherently put on the spot in front of a partial audience.

Wusstig also tendered his initial aspirations of landing a rematch to redeem his most recent falter to undefeated Filipino-American Mark “Mugen” Striegl (11-0) of Wajutsu Keishukai Gods/Team Bufet in Pacific Xtreme Combat 33 held in August this year. Wusstig injured his forearm in the late loss, but soldiered through it.

In the bantamweight headliner, Nuique displayed superior strength and wrestling ability throughout the match. Ilo was by no means a pushover, but he knew he was outmatched after two spins with the champion. The Zalaka fight showed a lot of guts in round two and made it to the second bell, but was spitting a little blood and the towel flew in before the start of round three.

Guam dominates

Guam brought the heat in CNMI’s most recent octagon spectacle as four of the former’s bets came away victorious, including Spike 22’s Jared “The

Haole Horror” Melon (6-0), who imposed a rear-naked-choke submission on Trench Tech’s Ning “Bo-Slice” Cepeda (4-4) at 2:48 into the first round of the evening’s middleweight curtain closer and semi-main event fill-in.

Melon came in with a chip on his shoulder and wasted no time taking it out on his opponent. The semi-main event black horse did a good job cutting off Cepeda in the cage and had plenty of firepower on hand, which he thoroughly deployed once in firing range. Melon basically smothered Cepeda and used a lot of powerful strikes to work position for a takedown that pinned the latter on his stomach and made him ripe for picking.

Other Guam fighters who won their respective bouts were Jose “Young Blood” Ramirez (4-1) of Underworld Xtreme-Guam, who dazed Team Haga and Saipan’s greenhorn Travis Eubanks (0-1) at 1:32 into the first round of their welterweight bout, also via referee stoppage caused by a deciding flurry of punches; Trench Tech/Tiyan Tough Walkers’ “Shishka” Bob Alvarez (3-0), who pummeled Marianas Elite’s Vince “Vince-sanity” Pua (3-2) and notched a verbal submission victory after the first round of their lightweight pairing; and Shishka’s bantamweight team-

mate, Roman “Boom” Alvarez (3-0), who arose triumphant over local-independent fighter, Josh “Oh My Gosh” Cruz (0-4), as referee Keith Nabors saw enough just before the two-minute (1:59) mark of the first round.

Bob Alvarez dominated Pua from the handshake with his impressive ground game and almost finished the latter off in the first round. Pua was just barely saved by the bell, but was battered pretty bad nonetheless and the on-site doctor stopped the fight due to a deep cut under his eye. Afterwards “Shishka” Bob lobbied for an appearance in December 14’s Trench Warz 16:Fire Power.

Roman Alvarez also raised some eyebrows by sending Cruz for a ride right off the bat. From there, “Boom” left his calling card in the form of a series of devastating elbows. Cruz squirmed away for a moment, but ended up back in the bottom position where he was pounded until Nabors stepped in.

Ramirez had little birds circling the head of Eubanks in their squabble as a hockey fight broke out between the pair right at the start. Ramirez caught a leaping Eubanks and drove him to the ground, and reigned down a lengthy series of punches from the full mount position. Eubanks had nowhere to run and was swarmed by Ramirez before the former

had time to recover his senses. Ramirez continued to feed Eubanks some big shots to finish the latter off, leaving the debuting fighter looking a woozy when the dust cleared. Eubanks did however walk off under his own power.

Notably, Ramirez and Eubanks did a good job livening up the crowd as the clash, although brief, was one of the more exciting features to watch.

Honorable mention goes out to Trench Tech’s Renz “The Intense” Benghit (2-0) of Tinnian, who put on yet another strong showing in his 140-lb K-1 kickboxing exhibition and recorded an unanimous decision after three rounds over Guam Muay Thai-first timer, Kyle “300” Martin (0-1).

Benghit controlled the pace of the match from the get go and knocked Martin down with a nice knee in round one. Benghit then reestablished himself as the aggressor in the last two rounds, and although he accidentally connected with low blows in rounds two and three, the miscues hardly put a dent in his lead. The Tinnian sensation may be ready to ditch the shin guards and all out scrap, given he has a ground game to compliment his stand up skills.

Meanwhile, seven other bouts took place in ROP 13 and results will be published in *Saipan Tribune* this week.

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creamed the Rockies, 11-1, in six innings in the first pairing, while the Reds outwitted the Dodgers, 8-5, in the second match. The O’s now have a 9-3 record, one win ahead of the Reds (8-5), while the Dodgers (5-6) and the Rockies (2-10) are trying to turn things around with eight rounds left in the regular season.

The Reds’ Lancaster Secharmedal started the match with a base hit and was driven home by Ian Rogolifoi in the opening frame. However, the Dodgers countered and went ahead, 2-1, in the bottom portion off a perturbed Reds’ infield. Dodgers’ Jhace Palacios and Brian Camacho accounted for the runs.

Both teams came up empty in the second inning and the Dodgers added a run in the bottom

of the third, as Jerald Cabrera hustled out a few wild throws around the infield.

The Reds went three up and three down at the plate for the second time in a row in the fourth inning, but kept a lid on the Dodgers through the bottom side and sparked a four-run rally in the top of the fifth to steal the win.

The Dodgers bagged two outs right away, but then unraveled on the field and gifted the Reds a 5-3 lead off zero hits. The Reds’ Kainoa Wanket, Rogolifoi, Peter Lieto, and Davin Ada all scored off errors mixed with some pitches out of the strike zone.

The Dodgers’ top of the lineup laid an egg in the bottom frame and the Reds flexed their muscles in the top of the sixth inning with three more runs to secure the victory.

The Reds’ George Pangelinan was the only player credited with a hit in the final push, as the runs again came primarily

off wild throws.

The Dodgers mustered their final two runs in the bottom half of the inning off three hits, highlighted by an RBI double from Carl Camacho, but the Reds hung tough down the home stretch and got it done.

The Dodgers managed two base runners in the final stand before the Reds closer Cody Kaipat bagged two big strikeouts to end the game.

Notably, the Reds used six different pitchers. The Reds were also held to just five hits, but took what the Dodgers gave them and benefited from the seven unearned runs. Meanwhile, the Dodgers out-hit their rival 7 to 5, but had four runners caught in the base path, in addition to five more left stranded in the game.

In the first game, Mike Muna led off the second game for the visiting Orioles, made a double, and scored off a passed ball to

give his team a quick 1-0 edge. Muna and company then went on to stamp six more runs on the board, as they batted around the lineup in the second inning.

The league frontrunners took advantage of a bean ball and a walk at the start of the second inning with a string of four hits, which resulted into a trio of RBI singles for Frankie Camacho, Muna, and Poland Masaharu.

The Orioles went ahead further, 8-1, in the top of the third inning, as Gayvan Uchau made it on and into scoring position off errors before being escorted home via a base smash by Muna.

The Rockies’ lone run came in the bottom frame off an RBI single by Ricardo Dela Cruz, who scored leadoff man Justin Santos. The Rockies then managed only one other base runner in the remainder of the contest.

Orioles’ Camacho started on the mound and dealt two and

hold similar 5-0 cards. The two unbeaten teams will square off this Thursday and Mobil’s last two games will be against Hi-Five (Oct. 11) and Servitek (Oct. 14).

Mobil 103 – Estolas 26, Fernando 15, Sharry 12, Basila 11, Camacho 10, Gapor 9, Ruluked 8, Abuan 6, Tumaquip 6, Peredo 2.

Archers 78 – Mendoza 17, Muleta 16, Bernardo 15, Barrios 9, Danipog 5, M. Usi 4, Musni 5, Anicete 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-18, 52-36, 83-53, 103-78.

1/3 scoreless innings and left the rest for Muna, who settled down nicely after hitting his first batter and giving up the hit to Dela Cruz.

The do-it all Muna went on to close nine consecutive outs before sealing the deal after a little blip in the infield in the final stand. He also performed well

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times and break CNMI records. NMSF is hoping to host or sanction at least one meet every month, as this will also give our swim race officials the opportunity to practice what they have learned during a seminar early this year,” NMSF president John Hirsh said in a brief interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Saturday.

The NMSF head was talking about the 2012 FINA Technical Swim Clinic that Saipan Swim Club and Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center’s officials/ members attended from May 15 to 19 under the instruction of FINA Technical Swimming Committee vice chair Don Blew of Australia.

Hirsh added that the swim meets will help prepare the CNMI bets to two world championships. SSC’s Victoria Chentsova and Tsunami Saipan’s Kensuke Kimura will be representing the Commonwealth to the 11th FINA World Swimming Championships (short course) in Turkey this December. Rezne Wong is also on the CNMI Team and since he

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	91	67	.576	—
New York	91	67	.576	—
Tampa Bay	87	71	.551	4
Toronto	70	88	.443	21
Boston	69	89	.437	22
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	85	73	.538	—
Chicago	83	75	.525	2
Kansas City	71	87	.449	14
Cleveland	66	92	.418	19
Minnesota	66	92	.418	19
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	92	65	.586	—
Oakland	90	68	.570	2 1/2
Los Angeles	87	70	.554	5
Seattle	73	85	.462	19 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Washington	92	60	.605	—
Atlanta	88	65	.575	4 1/2
Philadelphia	77	76	.503	15 1/2
New York	69	83	.454	23
Miami	66	87	.431	26 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cincinnati	92	61	.601	—
St. Louis	82	71	.536	10
Milwaukee	79	73	.520	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	75	77	.493	16 1/2
Chicago	59	94	.386	33
Houston	50	103	.327	42
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Francisco	89	64	.582	—
Los Angeles	79	74	.516	10
Arizona	77	75	.507	11 1/2
San Diego	73	80	.477	16
Colorado	58	94	.382	30 1/2
z-clinched playoff berth				
x-clinched division				
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second canto with a triple and converted two more shots from downtown, capping an eight-point surge with his third triple of the night midway in that period. Before his second-quarter explosion, Estolas just logged 2 points in the opening canto.

The Archers, who are winless in three games, never made a joint effort to launch a comeback in the second half, as they were contended trading baskets with Mobil, instead of playing

tough defense to neutralize Estolas and company.

The Archers played without Jack Lizama and clearly missed his presence, while Estolas’ teammates stepped up in absence of Marvin Rabauliman. Larry Sharry, Banjo Basila, and Badong Camacho finished in double digits and combined for 33 points to back up the 26 markers of Estolas, while Gil Gapor and Gyles Ruluked totaled 17. Angelo Fernando chipped in 15.

Edmark Mendoza paced the Archers with his 17 points, while Pando Muleta and Kae Bernarod had 16 and 15 mark-

ers, respectively, but their baskets came when the game was already decided.

Meanwhile, in the first game, Brabu/Ashley’s (4-2) was awarded a free win after only three Oceanside Bar/Hoopaholics players showed up for the curtain raiser.

By the time the 15-minute grace period buzzer sounded, the Hoops (4-2) had only Zack Babauta, Dexter Tenorio, and Walter Mendez available for the game.

The Hoops and Brabu/Ashley’s now share second place behind Mobil and PIC, which

at the plate, batting 3-for-4 and scoring two RBIs with two runs.

TJ Sablan swung 2-for-3 with an RBI, a run, and a base on balls for the Orioles, while the Rockies’ Dela Cruz went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The season continues tomorrow at 6pm with the Rockies facing the Dodgers.

is in Hawaii and competing in collegiate tournaments, he has a lot of chances to prepare for the Dec. 12 to 16 event at the Sinan Erdem Dome in Istanbul. Minerva Cabrera will coach the squad.

NMSF will also send swimmers to the 15th FINA World Championships (long course) in Barcelona, Spain. The event will run from July 19 to Aug. 4 event and the CNMI is allowed to send as many as four swimmers, one coach, and one official. Hirsh said they have yet to select the members of the team to next year’s competition.

Meanwhile, last weekend’s first meet of the season had 22 events, including the 25-meter races (backstroke and freestyle) for beginners. Other events were the 200m butterfly, 50m and 100m breaststroke, 50m and 100m backstroke, and 50m and 100m freestyle.

Races were held according to age groups and results will be announced this week.

Swimming season on Saipan runs from August to May and besides the local competitions and world championships, SSC and Tsunami Saipan also join tournaments in Guam.



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Nuique, Wusstig retain titles



Guam's Robert "The Real Deal" Wusstig raises his arms after beating Trench Tech veteran Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse in their featherweight fight during the Rites of Passage 13: Destiny held last Friday at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

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Trench Tech Purebred's Mark "The Dark" Nuique and Guam's Robert "The Real Deal" Wusstig of Countershot MMA defended their respective titles in Rites of Passage 13: Destiny held last Friday at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

Orioles crush Rockies; Reds win

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The Orioles and Reds kept their distance against the Dodgers and the Rockies after posting separate wins in the Saipan Major League Baseball Association-Division of Youth Services' 18U Triple A Championship Youth Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The first place Orioles
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The Reds' Peter Lieto slides safely into home during their game against the Dodgers in the Triple A youth baseball league last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

NMSF: More swim meets this season

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The Northern Marianas Swimming Federation kicked off the 2012-2013 season last Saturday with a small meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool and vows to hold more competition this season.

"We will hold many inter-club meets this season to give our swimmers more chances to update their personal best
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Saipan Swim Club newcomer Nieves Villagomez competes in Northern Marianas Swimming Federation's season-opening meet last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.



Referee Keith Nabors, left, raises the arm of Trench Tech Purebred's Mark "The Dark" Nuique, who won his bantamweight bout against Zalaka's Jacob Ilo during last Friday's Rites of Passage 13: Destiny held at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

Wusstig stunned the crowd, as he knocked off Trench Tech veteran Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse (9-5) via referee stoppage due to strikes at 4:16 into the third round of their featherweight title bout. Then in the bantamweight fight, Nuique won over Zalaka's Jacob Ilo (1-6) after the latter's corner threw the towel before the start of the third round. Wusstig improved his win-loss record to 5-6, while Nuique beefed up his slate to 9-1.

In the semi-main event shocker, Wusstig was

rebuffed a little at the start and was called into the ring before the home contender, but he paid no mind and focused on his task on hand.

The first round was a chess match for leverage, as both fighters primarily worked back and forth from the clinch position taking turns pinning each other against the cage. Jesse tried to slam the champion, but ended up getting turned around and briefly

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Mobil keeps unblemished record

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Five down, three to go.

Defending champion Mobil kept its bid for a perfect mark alive, following a 103-78 thrashing of the Archers in the lone game played in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179 Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mobil, which missed an immaculate mark in the inaugural season of the Emon Lodge caging after posting an 8-1 card, losing to eventual pennant champion Armatech in 2010, broke the Archers' back in the second canto to earn its most lopsided win so far in the nine-team league.

The Marvin Deocares-coached squad was ahead by only 8 at the end of the first period, 24-16, when Jun Estolas sparked the second-quarter breakaway. Estolas scored 13 of Mobil's 31 points, just four markers short of the Archers' total output, giving the defending champion a commanding 52-36 halftime advantage.

The Mobil guard started the
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Archers defenders watch the layup of Mobil's Larry Sharry during the third quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.